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Ministers ready to take action on military-style demonstrators

The Secretary made clear in the Commons that any sustained campaign of demonstration such as the one by the IRA in London on the weekend would not be tolerated. In all parts of the House had commended Mr Jenkins a sense of public outrage at Mr James Prior called "a military-style or a convicted prisoner in the streets of all city".

A report on the matter will be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions later this week.

Ministers given assurances on 'public affront'

Ministers were given assurances that a ban would not help the police to preserve public order, that was the advice also of the Commissioner of Police. There was no great advantage in banning organizations, because they would simply reappear under a multiplicity of different names.

Mr Jenkins's words were warmly applauded by Mr Prior and Mr Heath. The Conservative leader reminded Mr Jenkins, however, that the police had a duty to enforce the law as well as to prevent public disorder. The marchers had affronted the British people, who would wait in assurance that a ban would be prevented. Mr Prior spoke of indignation and anger caused by a "military-style" funeral for a convicted prisoner in the streets of our capital city. It was an affront to the whole nation, particularly the families of those soldiers and civilians who had lost their lives in preserving freedom in Northern Ireland.

Replying to Mr Douglas Jay, Mr Jenkins agreed that the wearing of uniforms by private armies was illegal but the difficulty lay in deciding what constituted a private army. He said that the wearing of uniforms by private armies was illegal but the difficulty lay in deciding what constituted a private army. He said that the wearing of uniforms by private armies was illegal but the difficulty lay in deciding what constituted a private army.

Union chiefs likely to pledge pay restraint

By Paul Revledge
Labour Correspondent

Trade union leaders are expected to adopt tomorrow a clear-cut response to the Government's requirement that the TUC should deliver wage restraint as part of the "social contract". The influential TUC economic committee is almost certain to meet this obligation by pledging that there will not be a scramble for higher pay when statutory wage controls end. Priority will be given to improving the lot of the low-paid and to maintaining the present real value of wages.

The unions are being asked to endorse a confidential document setting out negotiating guidelines for unions to take effect after Phase Three wage restraint and the Pay Board are abolished. The advice argues that there should be no general reopening of present pay settlements before the deal expires, though unions will be entitled to claim compensation for rises in the cost of living since the last settlement was signed.

The 18-page document will be discussed at a Labour Party-TUC liaison committee meeting on June 24, before the meeting of the TUC General Council two days later. It will form the basis of a politically important declaration on collective bargaining and of the social contract to be made by the TUC and the Government before the statutory control machinery is dismantled.

After going through the Labour Government's achievements since it took office, the document says: "Primary and positive emphasis will be laid on the contribution that a negotiated system of collective bargaining can make to improving output, services, efficiency and employment prospects and to creating low pay. Negotiations should endeavour to create the negotiating framework within which they will be able to focus more constructively on the need to make the maximum use of the resources, and on arrangements which will have beneficial effects on efficiency and unit costs, factors which lie at the root of efforts to secure a progressive improvement in the general level of economic conditions, in employment prospects and in job security. This will mean increased co-operation on improvements in productive investment, manpower, work organization, and layout; on the adoption of new techniques; and on the rationalization of services and systems and resources."



Mr Nixon waves from the steps of the presidential helicopter on the White House lawn before leaving for his tour of the Middle East. He arrived in Salzburg late last night.

Mr Nixon leaves for Middle East

From Fred Emery
Washington, June 10

President Nixon today set out for the Middle East on what he called another journey for peace. Vice-President Ford led the farewell from the White House lawn, with members of the Cabinet and diplomatic corps in attendance. "Our prayers will be with you every day," Mr Ford said, echoing the "God bless Nixon" sentiment of the President's departure. Mr Nixon said he realized one trip would not solve differences that went back centuries, but "the beginning is often the most important part of the work."

only on those involved but in building a structure of peace for the whole world. Mr Nixon said that through the mediation efforts of Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, the United States had been proud to play a role; he was now going to reaffirm support for the initiatives all had taken.

Dr Kissinger, returning to the Middle East for the seventh time since the autumn, is travelling with the President, as is Mrs Nixon. After stopping over in Salzburg tomorrow they are to visit Cairo, Riyadh, Damascus, Jerusalem and Amman. Presidential assistants are annoyed by the widespread assumption here that Mr Nixon is travelling only to divert attention from his impeachment predicament. They say Mr Nixon aims to demonstrate conclusively that the United States is even banded in its Middle East policies. Cairo, June 10.—At the order of Mr Sadat, 3,000 American flags fluttered over Cairo and Alexandria today in honour of President Nixon's forthcoming visit. "Now we honour Mr Nixon

Coalition falls in Italy after disagreement on economic package

From Our Correspondent
Rome, June 10

Signor Mariano Rumor's centre-left Government, formed only three months ago, fell tonight over disagreements about economic policy. The collapse came in the midst of the most serious economic crisis since the war. Signor Rumor and his colleagues decided to resign after economic and financial ministers failed to agree during two crucial meetings today on whether or not to ease credit restrictions. Signor Rumor submitted his resignation tonight to President Leone, who accepted it.

The government, which included the Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and Socialists, and was supported from outside by the Republicans, was Signor Rumor's fifth and Italy's thirty-sixth since the war. Its fall comes at a moment when foreign observers have declared that Italy is on the verge of economic collapse. It is demised, like that of its predecessor, was over disagreements on how to deal with the situation. The crucial point was the demand by the trade unions, backed by the Socialists, to ease present credit restrictions.

The Socialists, who fear that otherwise many small industries will be forced to close and hundreds of thousands of people put out of work, made it a condition of their staying in the coalition. Signor Emilio Colombo, the Treasury Minister, firmly defended the credit restrictions which Signor Guido Carli, the Governor of the Bank of Italy, had said were essential to Italy's recovery. Signor Colombo did not believe that there would be any unemployment until the autumn, by which time the government would have worked out an alternative credit policy. The outlook now is extremely uncertain. President Leone is expected to try to find a replacement for Signor Rumor as quickly as possible, but whereas it is still found great difficulties in forming a new government with these disagreements still open. Two names have been mentioned recently as Signor Rumor's possible successors. One is Senator Amintore Fanfani, the powerful secretary of the Christian Democratic party and several times Prime Minister. However, his prestige suffered a severe blow recently after the party's defeat in the referendum on divorce. The other is Signor Flaminio Piccoli, a former Christian Democratic party secretary and a leader with Signor Rumor, of one of the party's strongest factions. He is one of the few senior Christian Democratic leaders not yet to have held the post of Prime Minister. Meanwhile, a stern warning about the effects of the credit squeeze came from Professor Giordano Dell'Amore, the President of the Association of Italian Savings Banks, an important credit institution. He predicted that at the present rate within two months there would be about one million unemployed in the building industry alone and another million in allied activities. George Clark writes from Strasbourg: The threat posed to the fundamental principles of the EEC by the restrictions on trade imposed by Italy and Denmark are to be the subject of an urgent debate in the European Parliament which opened here today. Conservative MPs, led by Lord Chelwood, formerly Sir Tufton Beamish, protested over the lack of information about an emergency resolution from the Parliamentary committee on economic and monetary affairs. This spoke of the "grave economic problems facing the Community" and pointed to recent economic developments as confirming the "fragility of economic integration". In a motion which will be voted upon after the debate on Thursday, the committee called on the EEC Commission "to react to the process of disintegration of the Community by taking steps which will enable it to restore the normal operation and development of the Common Market". When the decision was taken here today to give the motion precedence over other business on Thursday only 47 of the 184 Members of Parliament were present. About 30 German MPs voted for the change of business and the British delegation, depleted because several delegates have stayed in London for the Commons debate on the EEC, abstained. Only three Italians were present and there was no reaction from the few Danish members. The British delegation were later demanding further information and Mr Peter Kirk, their leader, said that the Conservative group would table amendments challenging the thesis of the resolution that the economic basis of the Community is disintegrating.

Arabs released to avoid World Cup terrorism

Berlin, June 10.—The West Berlin authorities today released two Palestinians from jail to avert Arab terrorist attacks during the World Cup soccer championships, West Berlin officials said today. "The World Cup played a role in their release," Herr Horst Korber, head of the city's Justice Department, told journalists. "We had reports that action was planned to free them."

World Cup matches to force the city to release the Arabs. Herr Korber said the two were released today and placed on an aircraft bound for Cairo. They were Ali Salem, aged 33, who was serving a four-year sentence and Muhammad Zaher, aged 17, serving three years. The two Arabs were convicted on April 22 of plotting to blow up the West Berlin office of El Al, the Israeli airline, the police registration office for foreigners, an hotel and a Jewish-owned nightclub. They were arrested on October 18 when police found 10lb of explosives in the false bottom of a suitcase in their rented room. Police said they travelled to East Berlin from Beirut on Lebanese passports and then took the overland railway to West Berlin. The West Berlin authorities do not control the trains. The authorities also fear actions against the Chilean team by left-wing elements, Chile will play three matches here against West Germany on June 14, East Germany on June 18 and Australia on June 22. Herr Kurt Neubauer, the deputy mayor, told the city security committee today that the World Cup matches posed a particularly great security risk. The greatest risk involved the Chilean team. The risk posed by the East German team was far less. Security officials told the committee that riot police would be deployed in woods and hills around the Olympic stadium during matches to prevent rocket attacks. The Post Office has established a radio screening squad to locate any guided missiles, the officials said.—UPI.

Mr Wilson to have talks with Herr Schmidt

The Prime Minister has accepted an invitation from Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, to visit him informally in Bonn on June 19, when Mr Wilson will be returning from Frankfurt after watching the World Cup football match between Scotland and Brazil. At 10 Downing Street last night it was said that the discussion between the two heads of government would include European affairs.

Last threat is at rough

of the Nypro factory which were evacuated because of the danger of explosions. Experts in the cause of the killed 28 people who cleared the site after the chemical tanks up. Harvey, Chief Inspector, said: "Some danger of explosion remained process the site has been kept close." He urged surrounding to warn residents of minor explosions which did not leave their.

Social security staffs call off ban on pension rises

By Our Labour Correspondent
The Civil and Public Services Association yesterday suspended the industrial action that has halted work on higher pensions and other social security benefits due from July 22. Although there will be some delay in implementing the increased benefits, the union pledged full cooperation in getting the increases paid "as quickly as possible". The department executive of the union, representing 40,000 civil servants in social security offices who have been refusing to work on the pensions upgrading, voted unanimously to defer their industrial action until the long-term inquiry into their pay structure grievances is completed.

Insurance premiums 13% up for 600,000 motorists

By Margaret Stone
Norwich, June 10.—One of Britain's largest motor insurers, is to raise its premiums by an average of 13 per cent from July 1 for new business, and from August 1 for renewals. About 600,000 motorists will be affected. Despite the return to profitability of the motor insurance industry, several other leading companies, including Eagle Star, General Accident and Guardian Royal Exchange, are known to be reconsidering the situation. Earlier in the year the frequency of motor insurance claims showed some improvement, thanks to the mild winter and the petrol shortage. However, with petrol supplies back to normal and the lifting of speed restrictions, claims are again increasing. Insurers are also feeling the pinch of inflation in the costs of garage repairs and spare parts, as well as higher court awards. Norwich Union last increased its motor premiums last July, when they rose by 10 per cent; the company had wanted to increase them by 17 per cent. The latest increase of 13 per cent is also less than it requested when it applied to the Department of Trade in April. Rates in central London are to go up slightly less than those in the rest of the country. The rate for commercial vehicles will be increased by 13 per cent and for motor cycles by 19 per cent.

The rest of the news

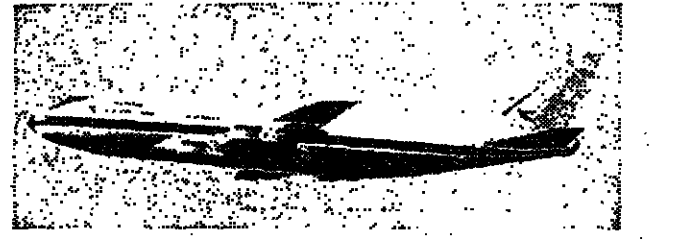
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Death of Gloucester to be buried on Friday

Reporter general service for the Gloucester, who died today will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Friday. He will be the royal mausoleum near by, where William, his eldest son, Duke of Windsor, his wife, Queen Mary, was buried. The Duke, the Queen's uncle and surviving child of King George V and Queen Mary, was today the thirty-third anniversary of his death at Bannockburn, near his home, Windsor, accompanied by the Duke, who lies in state until the Duke, aged 74, "died in his sleep" at a Kenilworth statement said. He had been failing for some time, his last public functions were from circulatory trouble late 1960s. He was 72 when his husband

Earl of Ulster, Baron Culloden, the eighth in line of succession to the throne. Educated at Eton and Cambridge, he is an architect and is believed to be a first member of the Royal Family to practise a profession outside the Armed Services or Diplomatic Corps. As a son of a Sovereign, the late Duke received an annual salary of £45,000 from the Civil List. There is no provision for a grandson of a Sovereign, but it is expected that some special arrangement will be made for Prince Richard. The Duke's widow will receive £20,000 a year. Tributes were coming in from all over the world last night. The Prime Minister said in a statement yesterday that the Duke would be long remembered for his great service to the nation and for his service to the Commonwealth, culminating in his years as Governor-General of Australia. He has sent personal messages of condolence to the Queen and the Duchess of Gloucester. Prince Richard, aged 29, now becomes Duke of Gloucester, carried out by the Royal Family. St. Andrew's Church will be open to the public today and tomorrow from 10 am until 9 pm so that visitors and the estate workers can pay their last respects. Attendance at Friday's service will be by invitation only. Wreaths should be sent to the Windsor castle superintendent. Court mourning will be observed until the funeral, but all official engagements will be

France to give the vote to 18-year-olds
From Charles Hargrove
Paris, June 10
A special meeting of the French Cabinet at the Elysees Palace today decided to lower the voting age from 21 to 18. It approved the principle of an amendment to the constitution making it possible for ministers to resume their seats in Parliament when they leave office. This will not apply to the 13 former ministers of the last Messmer Government. A Bill granting an amnesty for certain offences was also decided upon.
Pound is almost half 1964 value
The value of the pound has been almost halved in the past 10 years, Mr Gilbert, Financial Secretary to the Treasury disclosed yesterday in a parliamentary written reply. Taking its internal purchasing power as 100p in April, 1964, its value in April this year was 52p.



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Pay deal must breach Phase Three limits, council staff decide

From Raymond Perman Labour Staff Brighton

Local government officers warned their employers yesterday that they would not settle their pay claim within Phase Three limits, even if that obliged them to strike.

At the start of the conference in Brighton of the National and Local Government Officers' Association (NALGO) the local government group, which represents 300,000 white-collar town hall staff, passed a resolution instructing negotiators not to settle within the pay code. They defied a warning from Mr Glyn Phillips, who leads the negotiating team, that it might mean a strike.

The vote is a further example of the new militancy of NALGO members. It is likely to be expressed again today when the conference debates an executive emergency resolution. The resolution, while recognizing the achievements of the Labour Government, criticizes the TUC for accepting the continuation of the statutory incomes policy, and says that the union will not support any voluntary policy agreed between the TUC and the Government unless it is discussed first within the trade union movement and pays special attention to the public sector.

Relations between NALGO and the TUC have been strained since the union refused to endorse the "social contract" and call off its London strikers. Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, is likely to receive an intemperate hearing if he preaches the virtue of pay restraint when he addresses the conference on Thursday.

NALGO is seeking 20 per cent increases and has based its claim on comparisons with civil

servants and restoring wage differentials over local authority manual workers. Mr William Rankin, assistant general secretary, said clerical staff were not able to take advantage of provisions within Phase Three that were open to manual workers.

Militants will attempt today to overturn Sunday's decision by NALGO's executive to call off strikes and overtime bans in London. A resolution to be proposed by the Meron branch says that ending the action would be a sign of weakness and it should be continued until there is a satisfactory settlement on the claim of higher London weighting allowances.

Nurses' militancy: Nurses' union delegates meeting at Margate today are likely to be asked to step up their industrial action to support their claim for immediate pay rises.

The conference of the Confederation of Health Service Employees will debate nurses' pay and consider its reaction to the request from Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, to call off the action. About 75,000 members are banning overtime and refusing to do clerical and domestic jobs or stand in for senior staff. There have been selective strikes also.

The executive's policy on Mrs Castle's appeal was decided last night by 21 votes to 1, but has not been made public in advance of the debate. An emergency motion from the floor is expected to call for increased industrial action.

London stoppage: About 250 catering, domestic and portering staff held a five-hour strike yesterday at St George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner (the Press Association reports). They returned after a dispute over a bonus scheme for porters had been settled.

Surgery receptionists need clearer guidance Limit urged to calls on GPs

By John Roper Medical Reporter

The assumption that family doctors should be available for advice about non-urgent treatment when others have stopped work is no longer tenable, a working party on general practice says today.

It was a doctor's duty to meet medical need, but he was not under an obligation to ensure that all social inconvenience was obviated, although most would choose to go some way towards that.

The report studied appointments systems, deputizing arrangements and diagnostic services. It is being sent to all general practitioners. It concludes that appointments systems could work well

if well organized, but patients could meet difficulty in fixing an urgent appointment that they thought to be necessary. Doctors' receptionists needed clearer guidance, perhaps in a handbook, because at times a patient had to "make a case" to see the doctor. The receptionist was then seen as a barrier to care. Any patient should know that if he thought his condition needed consultation on that day he would not be refused, unless the doctor so decided.

The report shows the change in family doctor care resulting from deputizing services, which began in 1955 in London, as a means of releasing a doctor from out-of-duty hours. Deputizing services are available to more than half the country's GPs, and in 1972 more than 28 per cent of the 21,044 family doctors in England and Wales used them.

Deputizing is most common in urban areas. The report concludes that while it is essential for family doctors to have a deputizing service, patients must know to whom to turn in case of need and service must be organized in a way least harmful to continuity of care. The ideal, personal and continuing relationship threatened in some ways by deputizing services. But they must be accepted as essential to the efficient practice of medicine today.

General Medical Services, joint working party report (Stationery Office, 45p).

Minister asked for bigger rate support grant

By Christopher Warman

Amid continuing criticism of the level of rate increases for the current year, and growing protest against the rating system in general, local authority leaders met ministers yesterday for talks about next year's rate support grant.

Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, promised a thorough review of the rate support grant system in March when he announced a change in the distribution of domestic rate relief. The relief aided the urban areas largely at the expense of country areas.

Yesterday's meeting was attended by Mr Silkin, Minister for Planning and Local Government; Mr Oakes, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of the Environment, and leaders of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, Association of County Councils, Association of District Councils, the London Boroughs' Association and the Greater London Council.

Although the AMA welcomed Mr Crosland's decision in March as a short-term alleviation, it has urged the local authorities in three submitted, together with the majority of the non-metropolitan districts. All parties wanted radical changes in the grant distribution to make it fairer.

The Government's grant announced in January, was 9.5 per cent of the total local government estimated expenditure. In the previous year, it had been 60 per cent. The talks that began yesterday will show whether the Government intends to pay a higher percentage of local government expenditure next year.

That would be in line with the views of the AMA, which said that the Government should meet the minister that the need now was to secure a greater government contribution in the unprecedented circumstances of inflation.

Powell jibe at Maplin, Concorde and tunnel

The Concorde, the Maplin airport plan and the Channel tunnel were "the dreadful triplets of our time", Mr Enoch Powell said yesterday. They had been started and continued for purely political reasons by the Conservative Government, often those not who committed vast resources to "unsound commercial propositions".

The former Conservative MP, who was opening the Birmingham and Midland Business Equipment Exhibition, at Solihull, said that the Concorde project had been started in 1969 for reasons arising out of European Economic Community entry negotiations. There was never any evidence that would have indicated the prospect of profit to anyone judging it on commercial merits. The real trouble starts when governments pretend that their motives are economic, and use the official bulldozer to sustain commercial assertions and judgments," Mr Powell said.

Asians may form own unions, report suggests

Immigrant workers may form their own trade unions unless they are properly represented on the shop floor, the Commission on Industrial Relations states in a report published today. Such unions would be an unfortunate development, it says, not only for a particular union but for the trade union movement as a whole.

The report is on the relationship between management and workers at Mansfield Hosiery Mills, which has two factories at Loughborough, Leicestershire, where more than 400 Asians went on strike for three months in 1972.

The Asians stopped work because they thought there was a lack of promotion opportunities. The strike ended when 28 Asians were given full-time jobs even though white knitters refused to train them. The commission says that unions must ensure that their immigrant members are involved in their policy-making bodies, as well as being properly represented on shop committees and in shop-floor negotiations. It recommends that Mansfield Hosiery provides English lessons for its Asian staff. The company had agreed to do that outside working hours, but the commission recommends that if the lessons are not successful they should be held during working hours.

Actress delivers Bolshoi protest by 20,000

A petition of 20,000 signatures protesting about the presence of the Bolshoi Ballet was handed to Lord Harewood, chairman of the Sadler's Wells Trust, in London, yesterday by Miss Diana Rigg, the actress. Her husband is an Israeli artist.

The petition accused the British Government of condoning Soviet persecution of Jews. Signatories included the Bishop of Woolwich and the Bishop of Southwark.

Pits fail to attract youth

The miners' pay rise has not brought a rush of young men to the mines, but recruitment, generally, has improved. This is stated in the annual report of the National Union of Mineworkers' executive, which is to go before the union's annual conference at Llandudno next month.

"There does not appear to have been the required increase in juvenile recruitment since the wage increase," it says. It blames "overreaction" of the Conservative Government and not the miners' strike itself for the effect the dispute had on the economy.

Labour draws back from North-east inquiry

By Michael Hatfield Parliamentary Staff

Labour Party policymakers last night took a step back from an internal inquiry into the party's North-east region, an organization committee, asked to examine the possibility of an inquiry, decided instead to instruct Mr Hayward, general secretary, to produce a document which sets out the party's view on the necessity to have a register of MPs' interests.

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Girl needed amputations, counsel says

A girl, aged three, had to have part of both feet amputated after being battered by her father, it was alleged at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday. Some of her injuries could have been caused by cigarette burns, it was stated. Ram Chand, aged 38, of Murdock Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, has denied causing grievous bodily harm to his daughter, Jane Kaur, with intent; causing grievous bodily harm; and cruelty to a person under 16. Mr Allan Arneil, for the prosecution, told the jury that on March 5 the girl was admitted to hospital as an emergency case. Both feet were severely bruised and swollen, indicating violent injury. There were also areas of charring and blistering and some toes were gangrenous. There were also multiple bruises to the back. The doctors' conclusion was that she was a battered baby. Mr Chand, in evidence, denied having hit the child's feet or putting them near a fire. The trial continues today.

Maintaining real income is central objective

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Weather forecast and recordings

Table with weather forecast and recordings for various regions including London, Manchester, and other cities.

Standing commission on incomes proposed

By Our Political Editor

To study, and advise the Government on, the distribution of personal incomes and wealth, a standing royal commission was proposed by Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday. He suggested that it should cover employment incomes (including hours, conditions, and fringe benefits), incomes from self-employment, wealth, and investment income, including capital gains.

The commission was a Labour manifesto commitment. It was foreshadowed as an integral part of the Labour Government's policy on industrial relations and collective bargaining. Mr Foot's announcement of the Government's intention to go ahead with the proposal included an invitation to interested bodies to offer comments by June 28.

The commission, as proposed, would be asked by the Government to investigate and report on questions referred to it by the Government. It is also proposed that the commission might be given a standing reference to monitor changes in the distribution of wealth and income, as well as making special inquiries.

Mr Foot has not overlooked recent comments on top salaries, including his announcement in The Times. His announcement includes the hint that early reference to the royal commission might include top salaries, including all forms of directors' remuneration, low pay, self-employed incomes, and the control of dividends.

As the Secretary of State foresees, the commission would be asked to investigate and report on such matters concerning the distribution of personal incomes, both earned and unearned, and wealth, as may be referred to it by the Government. Within that prescription, the commission might be asked to publish regular analyses of changes in the distribution of wealth and incomes. Observations on the proposals may be sent to the Department of Employment (Room 401, Abchurch Lane, London EC4A 3DF).

and it is suggested that when specific inquiries are undertaken other commissioners could be appointed ad hoc. Mr Foot's proposal for a standing royal commission accompanies the publication of a consultative document by the Department of Employment.

After proposing the terms of reference outlined above, the document notes that taxation, social security benefits, and subsidies are also relevant to the distribution of income. But taxation and social security raise wider issues of economic management and public expenditure; and the general direction of government policy in those areas has already been determined.

Therefore, it "seems right that the commission should not be concerned with questions of taxation, benefits, and subsidies, as such". Nevertheless, equally it should not be precluded from considering those issues where they have a direct bearing on matters referred to it.

It is recognized, for example, that the commission should not consider top incomes without reference to taxation, or low pay without taking account of the interrelationship between pay and social security payments. The suggestion is that the basic terms of reference might read: "To inquire into, and to report on, such matters concerning the distribution of personal incomes, both earned and unearned, and wealth, as may be referred to it by the Government."

The TUC, CBI, and other organizations involved would be consulted about membership.

Flixborough victims could get special aid

By Our Political Staff

Government proposes special aid for Flixborough victims of the Environment, yesterday. Mr Crosland suggested local authorities might, as an exception, do more to help local authorities in the affected parts of districts as housing action once his Housing Bill reached Royal Assent.

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Some severely damaged houses might rank as "under the Housing Act," housing authorities decide clear them, and owners, to some qualification, entitled to compensation, loss payments, disbursements, or rehousing. The Department of the Environment emphasizes the action by the Government may be exceptional pressure by local authorities without prejudice to the settlement of individual claims.

Irishman did not know he had stolen fortune

Brendan Moran, an Irishman, broke into a social security office on his way home from a party and stole allowance books worth £750,000. But he never knew he had a fortune, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. He was charged with stealing the books on a demolition site and made off with £40 on 240 of the books. Many of the books fell into the hands of a Birmingham gang, who forged them and obtained a total of £200,000, the court was told.

Warning that grocers may pass on higher costs

From Our Correspondent

Heavy increases in the operating costs of grocers, including wages, electricity, and transport, are likely to be passed on to customers, Mr John Watson, president of the National Grocers' Federation, told the organization's annual conference in Blackpool yesterday. He said the trade had been singled out by the Government to reduce gross profits by a tenth, but that could not be justified. The public was being encouraged to regard shopkeepers as exploiters, but grocers did not deserve the suspicion with which they were regarded. Consumer organizations and other "watchdogs" abound to catch out the trader. Mr Alan Wilks, of New Mills, near Manchester, told the conference that housewives did not realize they were living a "fairy-tale world" of food subsidies. Food subsidies were crazy. Whoever thought that was standing up a wall and shooting his own subsidies will have removed," he said. Price telephone service: Government service to give up-to-date information about food prices can telephone 01-246 86. The department hopes to extend the service, if it is a success, by means of consumer advice centres set up by local authorities.

Ulster inquiries on emigration increase

From Stewart Tendler Belfast

The offices of Commonwealth countries in Northern Ireland have reported a heavy rate of inquiries about emigration in the week and a half since the 1973-74 strike ended. The figures partially represent a backlog created during the strike but they indicate that the strike stirred future about the province's future. At the Canadian office the number of inquiries for the first week of June is higher than that for the whole of the month last year. There were 111 applications, involving 268

people. The figures for April and May were already half as high again as those for the same months in 1973. An emigration officer said: "The strike seems to have been the final thing which made people's minds up." The day after the strike finished the Australian office received inquiries; in the whole of May there were 547; and last week alone the number was 356. Belfast car bomb: The Ulster Freedom Fighters yesterday admitted responsibility for the car bomb that killed a girl aged 13 at a Belfast greyhound racing track on Sunday.

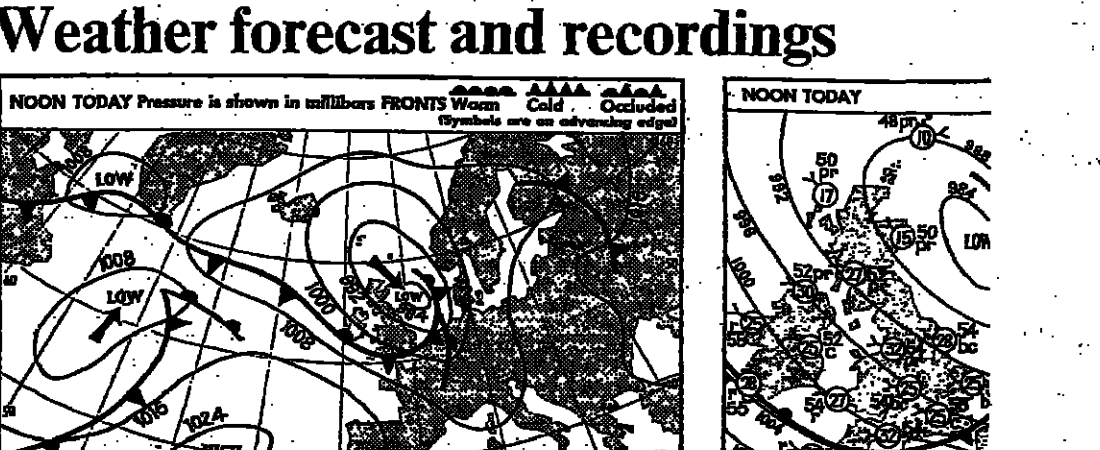


Table with weather forecast and recordings for various regions including London, Manchester, and other cities.

NEWS

Government to carry wide review of services for homeless

Meanwhile, he said the Secretary of State for Social Services wished to make unequivocally clear that they expect local authorities to make the best use of their combined housing and social services resources. Exchange scheme stopped: A building company that offered new houses for old to stimulate sales has been swamped with inquiries and has temporarily stopped advertising the plan.

The man who put the S into SF

By Philip Howard Almost in the beginning was curiosity. One of the most successful modern servants and titillators of curiosity, Dr Isaac Asimov, the scientist and author of science fiction, has arrived on his first visit to Britain. To his fans he is the Magus of the galaxies and the man who put the S into SF.



Dr Isaac Asimov in London yesterday: "Science fiction is not an ignoble genre."

50 had the IQ to qualify for Mensa and that what was wrong with the world was the subject of mock-humour of intellectuals. Dr Asimov, a plump, witty man with a mane of receding hair and a toggle shaped like an owl around his string tie, said science fiction was a serious business because it was the only branch of literature that consistently dealt with change.

English first on Welsh bilingual road signs

From Trevor Fishlock Cardiff Bilingual road signs are to be progressively introduced in Wales from today. In the interests of faster reading and road safety, English wording will be placed first. The principle of bilingual signs was agreed by the Tory Government in November, 1972, after the report of the Bowen committee. All that remained was for the Government to adjudicate on the sensitive question of which language should come first.

Employer's claim on may be repudiated

In that a compensation claim against the Transport Tribunal was strengthened by a brief hearing at the Industrial Relations Tribunal today.

In brief

Five on Berwick Tories' list

Mr Charles E. Crosswell, aged 35, chairman of Berwick Constituency Conservative Association, is one of five candidates short-listed as prospective parliamentary candidates for the division after the withdrawal of Mr Donald Hardie.

£75,000 radio campaign for a wildfowl refuge

By a Staff Reporter British wildfowl conservation received a stimulus yesterday when an announcement in London of a Radio Luxembourg campaign to raise £75,000 to provide a Wildfowl Trust refuge on a 100-acre site at Washington, co Durham.

German pilot on Asians charge

Heinrich Rainer Paul Holte, aged 32, a pilot of Halmsiedlerstrasse, West Germany, and Peter James Shaw, aged 35, unemployed, of Village Road, Bushill Park, Enfield, Middlesex, were remanded in custody until Friday by magistrates at Saffron Walden, Essex.

Murder verdict quashed

Mrs Beryl Loat, aged 46, of Cornwall Road, Coventry, who was jailed for life for killing her husband by putting weedkiller in his Sunday dinner, had her murder conviction quashed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Appeal plans by 'Luton three' adjourned

Three alleged IRA sympathisers, known as the 'Luton three', were called on yesterday by Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, to disclose their link with Kenneth Lennon, a former police informer.

Ex-bank clerk jailed

Anthony Edward Hoik, aged 26, a bank clerk, who gave a gang information that enabled them to rob Barclays Bank at Wembley, where he was employed, of £138,000, was sentenced at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to five years' imprisonment.

Thames victims

Mr William Churchill, aged 47, of Frittsham, Berkshire, was named yesterday as having died in the Thames on Sunday in attempting to rescue Jonathan McMullen, aged seven, who fell overboard from a cruiser.

Widow dead a month

Police officers who found the body of Mrs Ruby Ryan, a widow aged 70, at her home in Mansfield Road, Arnold, Nottingham, yesterday, said she had been dead between four and six weeks.

3lb lobster gift

Mr Anthony Edwards, of Theobald Road, Norwich, is to give a 3lb lobster he landed off Gorleston to nurses at the Norwich hospital where he is an out-patient.

Man tells of trying to save boy from gang

Gerard Shields, aged 14, who was being chased by a gang of 18 other boys, shouted in terror to a man: "Please help me. Please, please!"

Men on of ing bank

Men, including a bank manager, were remanded in East Angleshire, yesterday, charged with deception thousands from the Bank of England.

Prisoners lose TV

Prisoners at Stafford jail cannot watch evening television because prison officers have banned overtime in protest against understaffing.

100th birthday

Mrs Violet Vaughan Fryce, of High St, Welshpool, is 100 today.

Woman accused of dancing

Mr Marriage said that sexual activity went on in a bungalow for several hours, the men having intercourse with the young woman before he made her get in her own car which he drove around at a high speed while she was still blindfolded in order to make her lose her sense of direction.

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Army publicity ban

Wolverhampton Public Relations committee has ruled that a corporation town centre kiosks is not to be available to army information services.

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HOME NEWS

Council group wants higher priority for spending on recreation

By Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent Money for recreational facilities should come from a council's high priority "key sector" budget, a memorandum on the leisure services published today by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities states...

Casino case man 'lost £6,000 gambling'

Martin Feuton, a businessman, lost between £5,000 and £7,000 at a casino and was gunned down three people, it was alleged at Exeter Crown Court yesterday. Mr John Tsigrisides, owner of the casino, the Carlton Club, in Torquay, said Mr Feuton was never checked...

Drivers threaten action over barge system

Lorry drivers at Hull are threatening industrial action over the new barge-on-board-cantamaran system. Mr Jack Ashwell, an official of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said yesterday...

Professional men said to beat their wives more

Professional men such as doctors and solicitors were more likely than working-class husbands to beat their wives, Mrs Lilian Williams, a delegate to Labour Women's conference at Swansea, said yesterday...

WEST EUROPE

M Giscard explains why minister had to go

From Charles Hargrove Paris, June 10 President Giscard d'Estaing explained today the reasons for his peremptory dismissal of M Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, the Minister for Reforms...

Portugal marks National Day with happenings

From Our Correspondent Lisbon, June 10 Portugal's National Day was celebrated today as usual, but it was a national day with a difference. The military coup of April 25 has made June 10, the 39th anniversary of the death of Portugal's great soldier-poet, Luis Vaz de Camoes...

Engineers blame Tories for phone delays

Deterioration in the standard of the telephone service was the result of the Conservative government's cuts in public expenditure, not the fault of Post Office engineers, Mr John Scott-Garner, the engineers' president, said yesterday...

Walloon leader to receive Belgian Government post

From Roger Berthoud Brussels, June 10 Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister, earned himself a place in Belgian history books late last night by bringing one of the three "federalist" parties into the government for the first time...



Leaving the Elysee Palace after the Cabinet meeting: M Chirac, Prime Minister, and two new secretaries of state, Dr Annie Lesur (Education) and Mme Helene Dorlhac (Penal Affairs).

M Giscard d'Estaing obviously felt that the risk of some Reformers withdrawing their support from the Government was less serious than the repercussions of the minister's stand on nuclear tests...

United Nine seek Arab dialogue

From Dan van der Vat Bonn, June 10 The European Community agreed for the first time here today to speak with one voice to the Arab world when the nine foreign ministers resolved to open a dialogue with Arab governments...

Painter linked with art forgery held in Spain

From Our Correspondent Madrid, June 10 Mr Elmyr de Hory, a painter who was the subject of Mr Clifford Irving's book Fake and a star in Mr Orson Welles's film Quotidian, was in jail in Palma de Majorca today pending possible extradition to France...

Small comfort in Saxony poll for Herr Schmidt

Bonn, June 10 The Social Democratic Party (SPD) held the key state of Lower Saxony in yesterday's crucial elections but the final results announced today provided small comfort for Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor...

economic but in the political sense. "It is liberal because it wants change. The country also wants it, and would bring it about in any case. If we did not bring it about, others would in any case and through compulsion", he said.

that contact with Arab representatives could well begin before the end of this month. Informal soundings had indicated that there was much Arab interest in the proposed dialogue...

Political change in Luxembourg after 50 years

From David Cross Luxembourg, June 10 After nearly 50 years of uninterrupted rule by Christian Democrats, the 350,000 inhabitants of the smallest parliamentary democracy in the world are preparing for an unexpected change in their political leadership...

As for the Gaullists, they are doubly satisfied because their boy man has left the Government, and Mme Françoise Giroud, another of their pet aversions, has refused to enter it.

the Arabs accept the idea of a dialogue with the Community as a whole, the officials said, they would be advised that discrimination against the Dutch and the Spaniards over oil supplies should end.

Britain delays EEC move against mass dismissals

From Our Own Correspondent Luxembourg, June 10 EEC member governments today took their first hesitant steps towards putting some real flesh on the Community's meagre social policy.

European watchdog tries out its bite

By John Goss Political Staffer The regulations and two decisions of the EEC Commission have been questioned by the Commons committee on European secondary legislation. The committee has recommended that these should be debated in Parliament with a view to amending them...

Soames warning on peril of treaty renegotiation

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, June 10 Sir Christopher Soames, a vice-president of the European Commission, said today that no member country could call into question "the very conception of our Community", just because of change of government or a wish of public feeling...

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OVERSEAS

President Nixon defies fourth subpoena and dares Congress to do its worst

From Fred Emery Washington, June 10. President Nixon today defied the fourth Congressional subpoena issued against him for impeachment inquiry evidence and, in many words, dared Congress to do its worst. The President's defiance had been expected by his language was provocative. At the same time, the President denied Judge Gossett's charge of being held in contempt of court in the "Watergate" case. Mr. Nixon refused to appear before the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on the subject of the President's conduct. He also refused to answer questions about the "Watergate" case. He said he would not appear before the committee because he would not be treated as a defendant in a criminal case. He said he would not appear because he would not be treated as a defendant in a criminal case. He said he would not appear because he would not be treated as a defendant in a criminal case.

dimly demanding additional tapes whenever those the committee already has fail to turn up evidence of guilt, there would be no end unless a side were drawn somewhere by someone. Since it is clear the committee will not draw such a line, I have done so. Yet Mr. Nixon denies trying to be judge in his own case. It is quite clear the President is not a case of the President conducting an inquiry into his own impeachment. He claimed his cooperation in handing over tapes (which the committee had already received via the grand jury) and his own editing of transcripts (which the committee never requested) had been "unprecedented". Precisely what the committee is asserting is that the House of Representatives is a sole judge in an impeachment accusation and the Senate sole judge in the trial. There is little real dispute over this. The fact is that all Presidents who have spoken on the subject, including Mr. Nixon, have asserted there can be no withholding of the evidence required. It is a matter of the "best evidence" available. Mr. Nixon refused in full knowledge of the committee's written warning that continued refusal would permit the House to draw "adverse inferences"—namely that Mr. Nixon has something to hide. The President protested over this in his letter. He argued that the committee "flies in the face of established law" on his claim of executive privilege. It is the committee's contra-

tion that executive privilege is nonexistent in impeachment proceedings. This is no legalistic quibble. There are enough authorities urging Mr. Nixon to be impeached promptly on this ground alone of defying both Congress and the constitution. But the committee chairman wishes to have a weightier charge that will survive historical scrutiny. A majority of the committee now feels it has a prima facie case for obstruction of justice, just as did the grand jury in naming Mr. Nixon a co-conspirator. But, like Mr. Jaworski, the special prosecutor preparing for his trial, the committee seeks corroborative evidence that will be sufficient proof beyond reasonable doubt. It is no accident that Senator Mike Mansfield, leader of the Democratic majority, who chooses his words carefully, has publicly discussed his "contingency plans" for the Senate trial of the President. He is ready for it to begin at the end of August and to command his colleagues to attend sessions six days a week, he says. Mr. Nixon, echoing his vow "I shall never do anything to weaken the Presidency", tried again urging the separation of powers. The point is to establish what he has already done to weaken the Presidency. Apart from the acts under investigation, he has already surrendered to court subpoenas and published 1,500 pages of his White House conversation.

Progress on Golan buffer zone discussed

From Eric Marsden Jerusalem, June 10. Problems of disengagement on both the Syrian and Egyptian fronts were discussed in Jerusalem today by Lieutenant-General Eosio Sillasvuo, the United Nations emergency force commander, and Mr. Shimon Peres, the Israeli Defence Minister. The talks mainly concerned progress in setting up the Golan Heights and the thinning out of Israeli and Syrian forces on each side of it. Mr. Peres raised a number of questions on the mechanics of disengagement and the way in which the United Nations Observer Force was being deployed. He also asked for news of the fate of a number of Druse watchmen still missing in the north. On the Egyptian front, the minister sought the general's help with President Sadat's Government in facilitating a search for the bodies of Israeli soldiers killed in the canal area last October. A few dozen men are missing and this leaves the status of their widows in doubt under religious law, forbidding remarriage and posing other difficulties. General Sillasvuo is understood to have promised to take up the inquiries. A search for bodies also is being made on the northern front, but there only five Israeli soldiers remain unaccounted for. It is thought their bodies may be trapped in tanks in the no man's land set up after the original ceasefire in October. In five tanks checked so far, two bodies have been found but not yet identified. Work is progressing smoothly on the fulfilment of the disengagement agreement, with both sides continuing to thin out their forces as agreed at the talks with Dr. Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State. The first stage of the Israeli troop withdrawal, in which the southeast corner of the enclave occupied during the war will be handed back to the Syrians, will be completed on Friday. The whole disengagement operation is due to end on June 26. Problems are being sorted out as they arise by three-way talks held in three tents set up at Kuneitra road, on the Damascus-Kuneitra road, one occupied by the United Nations and one each by the Syrians and Israelis. In spite of the physical separation of the negotiators, they meet regularly and the atmosphere is reported to be cordial in contrast with the frigid correctness of Geneva. The Israelis have taken discrete action to remove one possible cause of friction in the sensitive area of Kuneitra, the deserted urban centre of the Golan Heights.

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Mr Vesco sued for £18.6m by Puerto Rico firm

San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 10.—Puerto Rico's biggest developer, EHG Enterprises, has filed a \$44,800,000 (£18,600,000) suit in the United States District Court for damages and judgments against Mr Robert Vesco, the financier. A spokesman said yesterday that the firm was also seeking annulment of 250,000 shares of EHG Enterprises, preferred stock and a \$6m certificate of deposit, both issued by the developers as part of transactions with Mr Vesco's Overseas Services Venture Fund. EHG Enterprises entered into a series of complicated financial transactions in 1972 that it now says resulted in manipulations by Mr Vesco and his associates. Reuter.

Salisbury gives tobacco industry free hand

From Our Correspondent Salisbury, June 10. The Rhodesian Government has relinquished its control of the tobacco industry in this country. From now on tobacco will be sold to private buyers without a guaranteed basic price being underwritten by the Government for growers and no limit will be placed on how much of it is grown or sold. Mr David Smith, the Minister of Agriculture, said today that because of inequalities in any agricultural production control system the Government had decided to remove its support and control over the tobacco industry. The controls hitherto exercised, which had been based on growers' past performances, were now outdated and inappropriate, he said. The Rhodesian Government imposed strict control in 1969 when United Nations sanctions were imposed. Tobacco growers were only allowed to grow and offer for sale a certain amount of stock which in turn was bought at a guaranteed price and sold secretly by government agents. In recent years controls have been relaxed and a year ago the Government stopped buying the tobacco in bulk and allowed commercial buyers to return to the sales floors and buy under the old auction system. The actual amount grown and sold still remains a secret but it is a known fact that Rhodesian tobacco has reached the world market. An English-born soldier serving with the Rhodesian Army, Lance Corporal Kenneth Richard Smith, aged 24, single, from Colchester, has died after being wounded in action in the north-eastern border area. A member of the crack Special Air Service company, he was the fourth number of the security forces to be killed in action in the 18-month border war. During the same period 317 guerrillas and 116 civilians have died.

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Tear gas used after three die in S Africa mine riot

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg, June 10. The situation at the Harmony gold mine, near Welkom, was described officially tonight as a case of rioting under control after riots last night which left three African miners dead and seven policemen in hospital. About 80 armed police were standing by for trouble at the number two and three shaft compounds of the mine, controlled by the Rand Mines group. The men's grievance appears to be over pay—they earn an average of R80 (£50) a month—and springs presumably from an average 10 per cent rise awarded last Friday. This has exacerbated the bitter problem of pay differentials. Last night, in an apparently well synchronized outbreak of violence at the number two and three compounds, which are about a mile apart, 1,500 Africans went on the rampage, setting fire to compound and administrative buildings. Just before the buildings were fired lights in and around the compounds were extinguished. When the police arrived the buildings were all alight. Brigadier J. J. Kotze said today: "We fired two warning volleys. The fire had an effect on the rioters: After the second volley things started becoming orderly." There was no official comment on how the three Africans died or how the seven policemen were injured. Production at both the number two and three shafts of the mine which made a profit of R31m last year, is at a standstill.

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African anger at smallness of Arab economic aid

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, June 10. Although a public confrontation between the Arab and African members of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) seems unlikely, harsh words are being expressed among the African groupings over the issue of oil costs. The Arab offer of \$200m (£83m) as a low-interest loan is regarded as paltry and far from the promised Arab support for the reeling economies of the black African nations. Several are known to be angry that help has been so small after they had demonstrated their support for the Arab world in breaking off relations with Israel. The heads of state who meet tomorrow in Mogadishu, Somalia, for their eleventh annual meeting have several important topics to discuss. The Portuguese moves towards settling their African territorial wars, Somalia's claim to part of south-eastern Ethiopia, and squabbles between guerrilla groups operating in colonial areas are high on the list. It is likely that some sort of concerted action will be agreed on the question of how to tackle world inflation with special regard to prices for primary products. The attitude of the more moderate sections of the OAU towards the Portuguese Government and its talks with the

leaders of the Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau nationalist movements is that no undue pressure should be put on the Portuguese while they are in a conciliatory frame of mind. However, a great deal depends on the observations of the guerrilla leaders who will be at the summit. Observers expect a low profile to be evident on the Portuguese question. The resignation of the Secretary-General, Mr Nzo Ekangaki, of Caseroun, has placed the organization in something of a quandary. Candidates are difficult to find. The job has been fraught with trouble lately and senior African civil servants and diplomats do not appear keen to take it. Although African questions and the Middle East will be debated, observers believe that international OAU problems will take second place to economic considerations such as oil prices and world inflation. African nations have been hit harder than most by the inflationary spiral and their growth rates have been swamped by the constantly rising cost of capital goods from overseas and fluctuating prices for their own primary products. In many ways the Mogadishu summit may be one of the least political held. The only exception could be the presence of President Amin of Uganda, who may well use the talks as a platform to answer his critics.

Saudi minister in London

By Our Diplomatic Staff. Prince Fahd bin Abdul Aziz, brother and likely successor of King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, arrived in London yesterday on his way back from Washington. Officially the Prince, who is Saudi Arabia's Minister of the Interior, is here on a private visit, but he will be launching the Prime Minister today after seeing Mr Callaghan at 10 Downing Street. A Washington Correspondent says Saudi Arabia and the United States at the weekend

concluded a substantial military and economic cooperation agreement, which has some novel features. It is to be a model, officials say, for such agreements with other Arab countries. The basic American assumption in the agreement is to encourage Saudi Arabia to reinvest its vast oil revenues, and, most importantly, assure an expanding, rather than restricted, oil supply. This, it is said, is for the whole Western world, not just the United States.



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OVERSEAS

Russian officials peddle purported memoirs of Solzhenitsyn's former wife to discredit banished author

From Theodore Shabad
New York, June 10
Soviet representatives have been quietly offering the purported memoirs of Alexander Solzhenitsyn's first wife to Western publishers in an apparent effort to discredit the exiled author.

present her life with Mr Solzhenitsyn as accurately as possible... She had relied on a diary and more than 200 letters written to her by the author from the front and during his subsequent 11 years of imprisonment and exile...

husband's formal rehabilitation in 1957, when a court declared that his statements were "no evidence of criminal behaviour"... Although some of the personal details of life with the Nobel prize-winning author appear to originate from Miss Reshetovskaya, it is difficult to judge what material, if any, has been modified or added by editors.

Paperwork delays departure of Panovs

Moscow, June 10.—Valery Panov, the baller dancer, said today he and his wife Galina planned to leave the Soviet Union on Friday morning...

Vague and inexplicable myths condemn a million people to live as outcasts in their own country

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo
For most of the 45 years of his life Mr Rikimatsu Yamada, a temporary labourer in Japan's ancient capital, Kyoto, has eked out a living by taking on some of the more objectionable jobs which are shunned by ordinary Japanese.

workers, butchers and sewer cleaners... In the medieval past the Burakumin were outlawed beyond the pale of Japan's former caste system of samurai warriors, farmers, artisans and merchants...

in Higashi Sanjo are casual labourers who are usually hired by the municipality as nightsoil collectors and road construction workers... About 1 per cent of the people are clerical workers and the remainder own small shops or stalls.

Greek service chiefs keep their commands

From Our Correspondent
Athens, June 10
The Greek military leaders who seized power last November today published the annual list of promotions and retirements of senior officers...

Casualties mount in battle for South Vietnam village

From Our Correspondent
Saigon, June 10
Casualties continued to mount as the fighting for two militia positions west of Ben Cat, 25 miles north of Saigon, went into its fourth week with 72 Government soldiers reported killed and wounded yesterday...

air attacks flown over the area yesterday... Yesterday an airborne commando raid on rubber plantation in Long Khanh province, 45 miles east of Saigon, found a communist arms cache and seized 225 individual weapons and 25 heavy armaments...

Dr Jim Cairns elected as Whitlam deputy

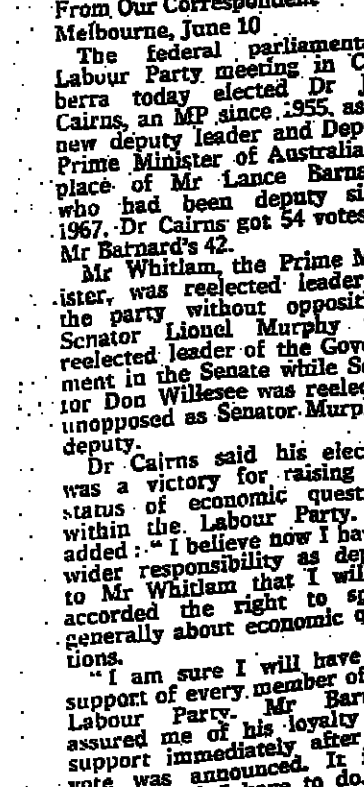
From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, June 10
The federal parliamentary Labour Party meeting in Canberra today elected Dr Jim Cairns as MP since 1955 as its new deputy leader and Deputy Prime Minister of Australia in place of Mr Lance Barnard, who had been deputy since 1967...

When asked if he had considered the possibility of contesting the prime ministership against Mr Whitlam at some future date, Dr Cairns replied: "Definitely no. Not now or in the future. No man is more satisfied than I am with the work and performance of the Prime Minister."

He was a strong opponent of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam war and became the leader of the movement to have Australian forces withdrawn... He personally marched at the head of numerous street demonstrations against the war...

China lifts veto on Bangladesh entering the UN

From Peter Strafford
New York, June 10
China today lifted its veto on the admission of Bangladesh to the United Nations. Admission was approved unanimously by the Security Council and it will now be up to the General Assembly, meeting in September, to make Bangladesh a full member.



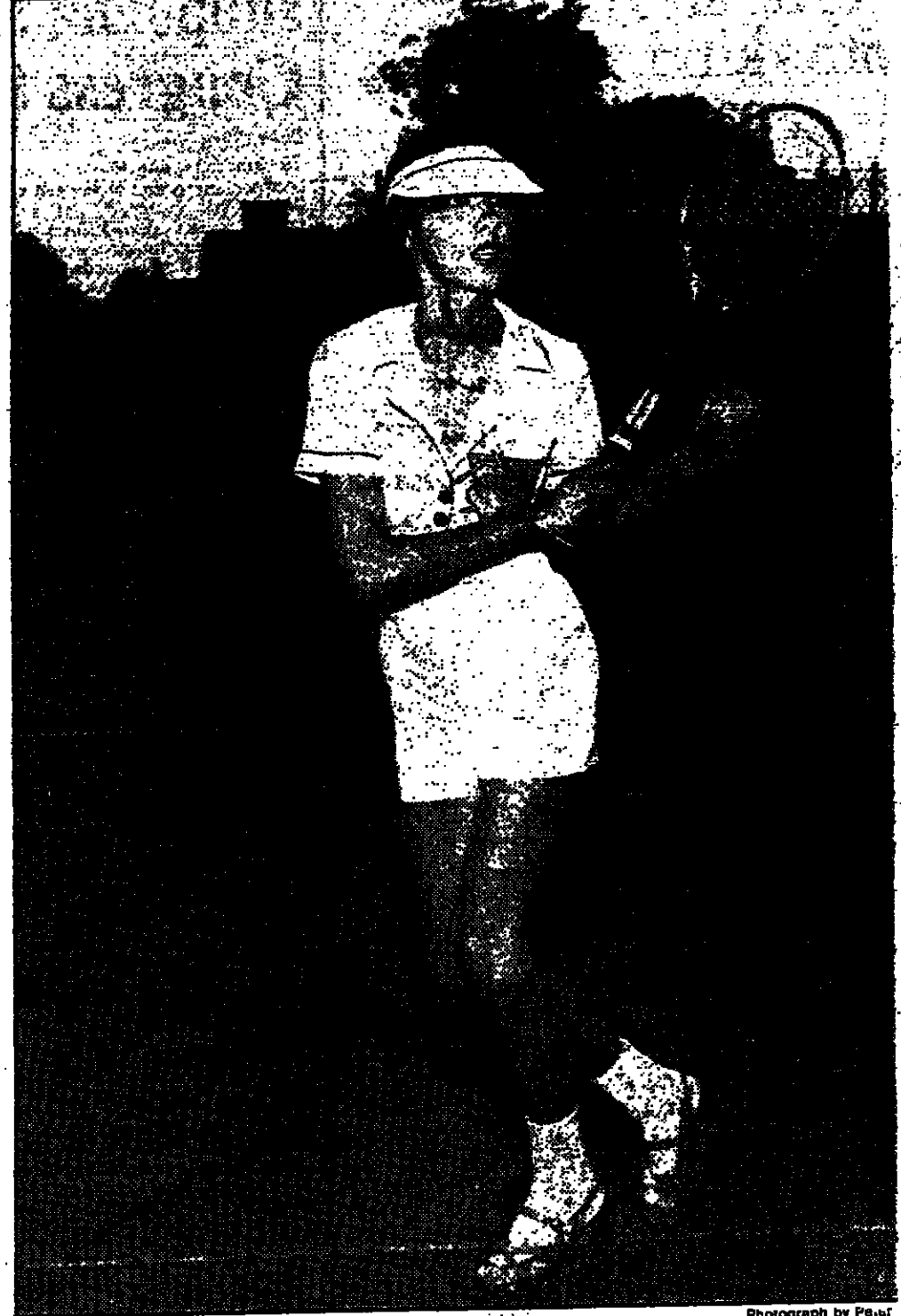
Dr Cairns: "A big job I have to do."

Fashion

by Prudence Gly

Hung on you

At this moment there is enough cheesecloth around the Oxford Street to convert the whole of the European butter mound into that luscious food eligible for British Government subsidy... There is also enough unbleached calico to make toiles for every postwar collection of every member of the Chambre Syndicale de la Couture Parisienne...



The embroidery mania; a tennis player on the pocket. Cotton shirt applique teamed with beautifully fitting cotton shorts, all by Stirling Co. Prices: £7.95 and £6.95. The shorts come in white only and there are as applique shirts available. Slazenger steel racket £16.95; ankle socks 80p; 50p; all at Lillywhites. Print sandals by Chelsea Cobbler, £12.99.

Incidentally the point which struck me at the very last week of the Young Embroiderers' exhibition at the Commonwealth Institute (on until June 23) would have been less dull and sterile if animated by use of a robe. Similarly many of the charming Wombles-conscious collages and tapestries shown in the Young Embroiderers' exhibition at the Commonwealth Institute...

All in all, I thought the level of make, taste and originality in the end-of-year show clothes has never been higher here... Believing as I do that barriers between fashion and decorative textiles are artificial, believing also that one designer should not try to be the creator of both material and silhouette, however strong the temptation to deliver the baby whole to the world...

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open plan carriages with compulsory tables. Doubtless BR is concerned to pressure us from later City rapists, but as a solid matron, five feet eleven in my socks, my own view is that a greater hazard is posed by having to double into a Z to struggle into your seat...

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THE ARTS

La religion galante

A new exhibition at the Heim Gallery in London, somewhat dauntingly entitled Religious and Biblical Themes in French Baroque Painting offers (until 30th August) a valuable opportunity to study a carefully selected group of paintings, mostly by artists from a provincial background. This is not the France of Richelieu, Mazarin and Colbert, centred at first on Paris and then increasing on Louis XIV's vast palace at Versailles, but of local centres such as Rouen, Lyons and Aix-en-Provence, whose prosperity was reflected in the embellishment of churches and convents. So many were pillaged and destroyed at the Revolution that it is difficult to make a valid assessment of the French art between the end of the wars of Religion (1568) and 1789: on one side are the grand portraits and allegories of the court, and on the other, the humble scenes of the Le Vrain family.

Happy birthday

LSO Birthday Gala Festival Hall/Radio 3

Joan Chissell

The first concern of a fundraising concert is to woo an audience. The London Symphony Orchestra's seventeenth birthday gala on Sunday, in aid of its trust, this was done with a popular programme and one or two guest celebrities besides the Orchestra's own magnetic André Previn.

Manfred Aldeburgh

William Mann

After Britten's triumphant revival of Schumann's Scenes From Faust two summers ago, Aldeburgh Festival obviously wanted to explore further. This year's centenary of Byron's death so Schumann's incidental music for Manfred was a clear candidate. The overture is well known, the rest of the music only remembered through Thomas Beecham's advocacy in the early 1950s (he recorded it at that time).

Idomeno Glyndebourne

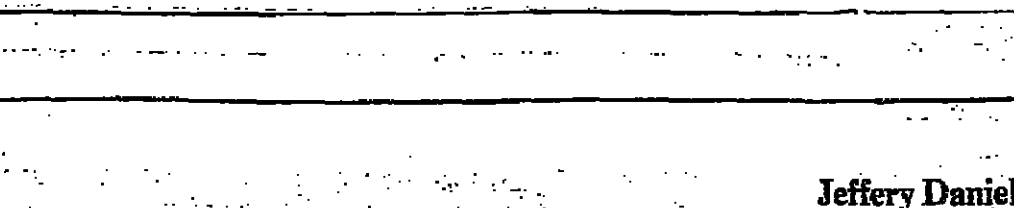
John Higgins

Electra always a lady bringing a charitable of troubles in her wake. Glyndebourne must have brooded over her reputation while preparing this summer's Idomeno. The original casting for the role was Julia Varady, one of Europe's most exciting young sopranos, but she cancelled before rehearsals began. In her place came Krystyna Kupcynska, who was not too warmly received by William Mann after the first night. She too has now left the cast. Electra for the rest of the first series of performances, which runs until the end of the month, will be Linda Esther Gray.

London Virtuosi Queen Elizabeth Hall

Keith Horner

With or without the definite article, the very name The London Virtuosi presupposes a certain standard of professionalism, and, I am happy to report, the group possesses it to a fine degree. With players of the calibre of James Galway, shortly to appear in London in his other capacity as principal flute of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, Anthony Camden, coprinipal oboe of the LSO, and the string players (John Georgiadis, Brian Hawkins and Douglas Cummings, one could not reasonably expect less.



Jeffery Daniels



Boucher's St John the Baptist—a delicious confection in bright spinach green and soft rusty red

Modern American Gothic

Bohemes and Traviata can you see? Now I go for the music.

Early last month a new comedy arrived at the Booth Theatre on Broadway. "See it and laugh" ordered the large advertisements for Bad Habits and in those New Yorkers obeyed. There's nothing very remarkable on the surface of this latest success story, but for the young playwright, Terrence McNally, it's the vindication of a new method of production, for the play's bold beginnings were in a tiny space off-off Broadway. Later it moved to the Astor Place Theatre, officially off-Broadway, and now it has transferred to a big playhouse on New York's main Theatre Street.

Eden End

Must be seen Daily Express

At once I could say 'You liked it—then you know what you're getting.' I just think it's a very sensible way to produce plays these days, money is tight and actors want to work. The three weeks given you for rehearsal in New York are awfully short when you start from scratch. Suddenly you're doing previews and everything is hectic. So I'm very much into having my plays done quietly and calmly.

Eden End

My style is slightly heightened realism. It's the way I choose to write. I've seen naturalistic theatre I enjoyed enormously, but I've never been attracted to it myself. I loved Roots but I wouldn't be comfortable writing the way Wesker writes. I just think the time in the theatre is so precious.

Eden End

Some of the people in Bad Habits are almost recognizable or else they're combinations of people. The two men who bicker endlessly about their Welsh corgi are based on a couple of women I know. I've never spoken to them, but I see them every day and hear them fighting about their Afghan hound. They became Hiram and Francis.

Michael Leech

SPORT

Cricket

Edrich strengthens his chances of spending next winter in Australia

By John Woodcock

Cricket Correspondent
MANCHESTER, England, with some 25 minutes before tea...



Edrich in action yesterday. His ringcraft is still there.

On being recalled to the England side, purely as a temporary measure...

at 3.50, Edrich was in the early minutes. He had got to 56 when the umpire consulted as to whether to offer the other side the option of coming off...

Luckhurst is again the guardian of Kent

By Alan Gibson

TAUNTON: Kent, with seven second innings wickets in hand, lead Somerset by 102 runs...

Julian unable to bowl because of a strain. Once Moseley's first burst had been survived by the loss of only Johnson's wicket...

Football

Havelange's accession to political supremacy could split the world

By Geoffrey Green

Frankfurt, June 10. Violent thunder, lightning and hail pelted the city here this afternoon...

After years of European domination in the politics of the game, Jules Rimet, France, throughout the 1930s and afterwards...

Bremner gets down to real business

Frankfurt, June 10. Billy Bremner, captain of Scotland and Leeds United, predicted today that it would be a "World Cup of shock troops"...

Dutch threaten to strike bonus demand is not met

Zest, The Netherlands, June 10. The Dutch Football Federation are confident that they can secure the 1978 World Cup...

Titmus returns his best figures of the season

Derbyshire failed to press home their advantage at Lord's yesterday. Losing their first two wickets...

Worcestershire are in sight of their fourth championship victory of the season after dismissing the cream of the Lancashire batting...

Expulsion of bowler baffles onlookers

THE OVAL, Yorkshire, with all second innings wickets in hand, are 30 runs behind Surrey...

Donald's last session. The umpire, Ronald Day, a Yorkshireman, 22 miles separates Almondsbury from Dewsbury...

League, and the Benson and Hedges competition, have all been at Surrey's expense.

Pakistanis arrive amid strike

Nine players and officials of the Pakistan cricket party were caught up in industrial troubles when they arrived at Heathrow Airport...

Hasan Raja, said: "We are all looking forward to the Test matches. Most of the team are already in the country playing for English clubs..."

Old Trafford must answer charges to

Five members of the Football Association disciplinary committee have arranged the meeting to the ground so that they can study United's crowd control precautions...

"Home" matches arranged at Westwood, which is a ground outside a 12-mile Old Trafford.

Scottish 'Mouse' leads the British Lions

Cape Town, June 10. Ian McClelland, of Scotland, will captain the British Lions rugby team for the first time tomorrow against the Southern Universities at Newlands...

A surprise omission from the international squad, comes back on the heels of the injury to the England and Rosslyn Park No. 3...

Middlesex v Derby

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and bowlers for Middlesex v Derby match.

Northants v Warwick

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and bowlers for Northants v Warwick match.

Worcester v Lancashire

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Sussex v Essex

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Cambridge v MCC

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Golf

Miss Mooney an absentee from Porthcawl. Mafie Mooney, is an unexpected absentee from the British women's open championship...

Rugby League

Langlands leads Australia again. Brisbane, June 10. The fall back, Graeme Langlands, aged 33, has been recalled to lead the Australian Rugby League team...

Cycling

Pugh holds to win after last lap bre. Raymond Pugh, a apprentice electrician, Lancashire, won national junior road race...

Newcombe top seed

The men's seeding for the John Player tennis tournament at Nottingham from June 17 to 22 is:

PARLIAMENT. June 10, 1974

Mr Jenkins: IRA demonstration in London rightly resented: talks on whether law needs changing

House of Commons. MR PRIOR (Lowestoft, C) asked the Home Secretary to make a statement of the IRA demonstrations in London during the last few days.

MR ROY JENKINS (Birmingham, Stechford, Lab)—In the Isle of Wight and in London on June 7 of a number of supporters of the IRA accompanied the funeral procession of Michael Gaughan. Some of those who took part in this procession and a number of people who took part in a demonstration in London yesterday wore black berets, dark glasses, and other dark clothing.

I understand from the Commissioner of the Metropolis that reports are being submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions at the earliest possible moment for prosecution under Section 1 of the Public Order Act, 1936.

Occasions of this kind present great difficulties for the police. Their primary duty is to prevent public disorder and it is a matter of difficult judgment to know what is the best way to prevent a provocative procession from turning into a riot.

It would not be proper for me to comment further on the possibility of prosecutions. That is not a matter for me. But I think it right to say that in my view that place is not a place which is resented by the majority of British opinion.

MR JENKINS—That is really what I am asking. If Mr Deedes wishes to put down a question on this matter, I will be glad to answer it.

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Minister attacks pro-EEC propaganda: 'Tories must be disillusioned'

MR MARTEN (Banbury, C) asked the Secretary of State for Trade for a statement about British trade with the EEC.

MR SHORE (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab)—My department is currently undertaking a wide-ranging review of company law and the machinery for enforcing it and will take account of recent studies, including those of the Commission of Enquiry into the British Airways figures.

MR SHORE—I deeply deplore the propaganda and the efforts being made to resurrect this European dogma and belief.

MR DIXON (Truro, C) asked the Secretary of State for Trade what further discussion the Secretary of State for Trade had had with the British Airways operating Concorde.

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Pleas to increase tax allowances rejected

The Finance Bill was further considered in committee. On Clause 11 (Alteration of personal reliefs).

MR COPE (South Gloucestershire, C) moved an amendment to increase the married allowance to £943 instead of £865 as proposed in the Bill.

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MPs not to serve on planning councils

MR TROTTER (Tyneside) asked the Secretary of State for the Environment what the Government's policy was on regional economic planning councils on May 28, 1974.

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Extension of rent protection to furnished lettings urgent

House of Lords. LORD GARNSWORTHY, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, said that the second reading of the Rent Bill was the main purpose of which, he said, was to extend to the majority of furnished lettings the full protection afforded by the Rent Acts which was already available to unfurnished lettings.

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Article on restricting aid to some exporters 'false'

MR STANLEY (Tonbridge and Malling, C) asked the Secretary of State for Trade if he was satisfied with the financing assistance available to purchasers of British exports.

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Science report

Stone Age: Research on an Irish tomb

It seems quite possible that the people of the New Stone Age were studying solar cycles more than a thousand years before the first recorded solar cycle. The rays of the rising midsummer sun, Dr Patrick, a Dublin archaeologist, believes, passed through a narrow passage in a Neolithic cemetery called Newgrange in Southern Ireland, has been dedicated to the study of the direction of the midwinter sunrise more than 5,000 years ago.

Tributes to royal duke

House of Lords. LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy Seal, paying tribute to the late Duke of Gloucester, expressed his sympathy to the Queen, other members of the Royal Family, especially the Duchess of Gloucester, and to the Duke's son and daughter-in-law, Prince and Princess Richard of Gloucester.

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At last Europe faces up to the social and economic consequences of immigrant labour

"We can't bring the whole world into Europe, so where are the limits?" the tense, rather agitated EEC bureaucrat said. "Twenty-two million immigrants in the Nine by 1980—that's one projection. Just to mention the figure sounds ridiculous."

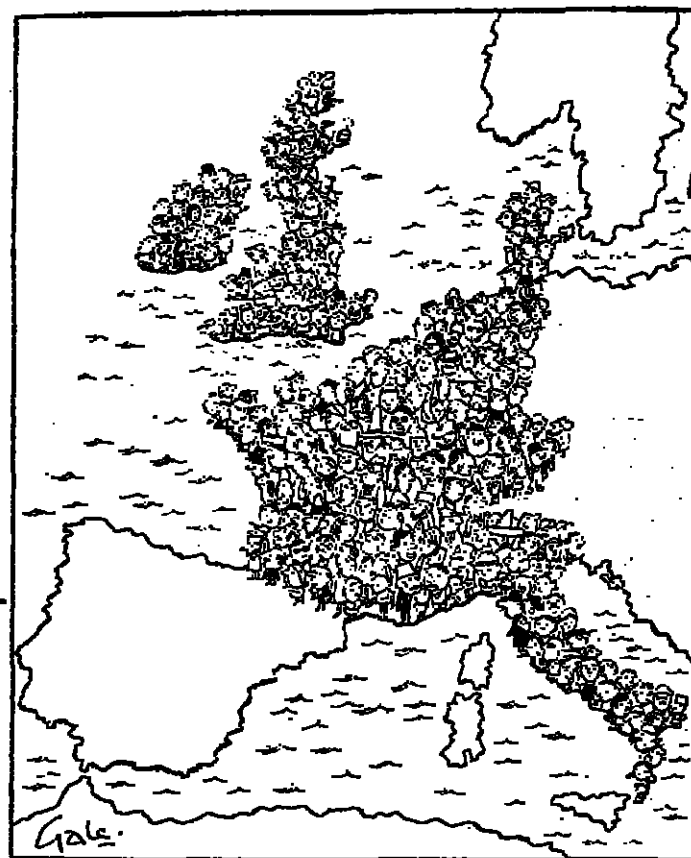
The same refrain occurred again and again: in Bonn, The Hague, Bern, Brussels and Paris. There is a mood of quiet desperation. And the lull in immigration brought on by the slackening of economic activity in the wake of the oil crisis is being used to justify a sharp tightening up of immigration policies.

"The oil crisis was a fortuitous excuse," an expert from the International Labour Organization explained. "It gave governments, who were uneasy about the way things were going, the chance to introduce a few filters."

It is in Germany that the most definite decision has been made. On November 23, 1973, the Government announced that it was suspending all immigration forthwith, and in Bonn no one tries to hide the truth. A senior policymaker said: "The November decision was just a peg to hang things on. It was coming anyway. The basic decision to severely restrict immigration had already been made."

The fact is that for at least the past two years—in some countries much longer, Switzerland and Britain notably—European policymakers have been voicing their concern about the number of immigrants pouring into industrialized Europe. It is not because their numbers have been increasing exponentially. Indeed, if anything, even before the oil crisis, the rate of growth was slackening.

The concern arises because industry seems intent on absorbing immigrants, as far into the future as can be seen. That is understandable: they are cheap, malleable, hard working, often shy of unionization, and do jobs that Europeans no longer want to do. European governments are also worried because the traditional Southern Euro-



pean supplies of immigrant labour are fast drying up and labour is increasingly being pulled in from Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean and even Asia.

The risk of social turbulence is the number one fear—a fear that is first crystallized as tranquil Holland, Europe's harbour of racial equality (a reputation well earned by its generous welcoming of 300,000 Indonesian refugees in the 1950s), experienced serious racial clashes in Rotterdam in 1972. Then, last summer, Marseilles erupted into a veritable orgy of racially motivated killings.

However, there is another important factor behind the new policies: it is the daunting realization of what the real economic cost of unlimited immigration is.

Most European countries have been getting their immigrant labour at sharply marked down prices. With the exception of most of the Commonwealth immigrants to Britain and the West Indian immigrants to Holland and France, immigration in most European countries started as a male only affair: men who were prepared to work long hours, night shifts, live in barracks or doss houses, and go home for holidays every two or three years. But by the end of the sixties, it had become obvious that family reunion with or without the sanction of the law of the recipient country, was the order of the day. Although lip service was paid to the idea of going home one day, the reality was that an increasing majority of them were here to stay.

European governments were forced to realize that immigration is not the cheap short cut to prosperity that they had once thought. Although adult immigrants have given the recipient economies a windfall bonus (because the rearing costs have been borne by the sending country), schools now have to be built for their children, hospital beds found when they are ill, and houses built for them to live in. The infrastructural costs of immigration are a large immigrant work force have begun to mount.

emphatically: "The economists are divided on this, so we are prepared to take risks. There are always risks."

In order to minimize the risk, however, the German Cabinet has made the decision to reduce economic growth in order to combat any extra wage-push inflation that might result from decreased immigration. The Government's economic advisers estimate that a reduction of 0.3 per cent in the growth rate might be necessary. The Swiss and Dutch governments have like wise made decisions in principle to trade off economic growth against reduced immigration.

Interestingly, some German experts argue that if wages go up, this will be an added incentive for German companies to invest overseas. Indeed the call for capital to go to labour instead of labour coming to capital, is in danger of becoming the cliché of the day. In Brussels, European Commission officials are enthusiastically working on this idea as part of a package of proposals on immigration that Dr Hillary (the Commissioner for Social Affairs) intends to put before the Council of Ministers in November.

In Holland, a country acutely embarrassed by any suggestion that it is restricting immigration for xenophobic and racialistic reasons, debate is now centred on a Government memorandum issued two months ago. It has the unusual feature of being issued under the imprimatur of five ministries including that of the 34-year-old Minister of Development Cooperation, Mr Jan Pronk.

Mr Pronk believes that Holland has been bleeding developing countries of some of their most adventurous and effective manpower, and undermining their economies. Holland must realize, he says, that it cannot go on having economic growth if it can only be done at the expense of the poor countries (and at the cost of destroying man's habitat too), so to retard economic

growth is a clear policy of the government. He wants to encourage some of Holland's labour intensive industries to go to the Third World countries, if necessary using Ministry of Development Cooperation funds to finance part of the restructuring of domestic industry to make this possible.

There may be widespread admiration in Holland for the forcefulness and vigour with which the minister argues his case, but there is also an awareness of just how difficult his ideas would be to put into practice. "Capital will not move easily under these kind of conditions", one of Holland's influential state counsellors told me.

In Switzerland, which is gearing up for a referendum in December which calls for a cut in half of the immigrant population, such ideas as Mr Pronk's are not even talked about, much less seriously considered as policy.

And in Bonn, Dr Ernst explains: "German capital invests where there is political stability and relatively low wages. This means we invest in Spain, East Asia, South Africa, and we would if we could in Eastern Europe. But not in Italy or Turkey. The direction of our overseas investment does not correspond with the sources of our immigrant labour supply."

It is, of course, a moot point whether Europe can, in fact, succeed in reducing its inflow of immigrant workers. Many, if not most, industrialists and economists argue that European governments are being hopelessly unrealistic. But if Europe does succeed in limiting the numbers without finding a satisfactory way of compensating the countries from which it has drawn its cheap labour, there is a real danger that it will end up exporting to them the social turbulence it fears at home.

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Bernard Levin

The mean burghers of Scotland capital

There he just men, remarked Ecclesiastes, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, he added, there he wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous. This view has recently received such striking confirmation from, of all places, Scotland, which I run into its author in the near future I shall clasp him by the hand and murmur: "Thou saithest it." For it is reported that Glasgow is shortly to have an Opera House; nay, that Glasgow has an Opera House which is now waiting only for the public to open its doors to the public on October 15, 1975. What is more, Mr William Mann, who knows about such things, has heard its acoustics, and pronounced them excellent.

I was not present when the news was promulgated, but I am willing to bet that the applause was drowned by the roaring of a gale, composed entirely of sighs of relief, that simultaneously blew in from Edinburgh. For whatever the reasons, the Glasgow Theatre Royal (vacated by Scottish Television) becoming the home of the Scottish Opera, one thing follows as the night the day, namely that the plan has put the kibosh on Edinburgh's promise to build an Opera House of its own. That promise was first made, in my hearing, in 1947; it has been repeated every year since, without fail; there is no more sign of its being kept now than there was 27 years ago; and although, for old times' sake, the annual ceremony will probably take place for another few years, the news from Glasgow means that Edinburgh will very soon stop pretending. She never intended to build an Opera House; she never will build an Opera House; and with an Opera House at the other end of the M8, she now has a new and final excuse not to build an Opera House.

Edinburgh, it is well known, is unable to build a capital, Scotland and a half centuries, Edinburgh where I have heard Mr Grandi sing Lady M John Brownlee Don and Guletta Simonato hino, Edinburgh will be something like £70m is not going to feel shame at finally breaking its promise to build a gewgaw like an Opera House, nor even at the amazing sight of the wicked folk of Glasgow passing in their normal work of carrying out their duties in each other's faces with the jagged ends of broken bottles to build an Opera House of their own at the eastern end of Sauchiehall Street. If Glasgow's gone soft, the world will run, so much the worse for Glasgow; we in Edinburgh have more important things to do, like stopping folk drinking of a Sunday, keeping the standards of the hotels down, encouraging the university to destroy such few parts of the New Town as it has not already destroyed, and foaming at the mouth with terror and rage if at Festival time an actor in a Fringe play, indifferently translated from one of the more obscure dialects of the Gaelic-Croat and performed by amateurs in a rat-infested cellar to an audience of 19 most of whom are the place's regular dozers, should say he loves her, or even shrmp.

I do not know, Edinburgh I love that city above all places on earth; I love her more than Venice, yes than San Francisco; I love her more than the dream of fair women than riches, than contentment; never do I see her without experiencing the

lift of the heart other nalled only by those quavers that tell me, darkness, that another I see of Figaro has begd do I love her; yet I can deal from myself that th of my adoration is a me and no mistake.

The King's Theatre, where the Opera is during the Festival, is friendly old place, and burgh had ever built missed Opera House. I have missed the King only in the sense in w would miss, if it were an aged dog that become fond of, but long been blind, deaf, tic, smelly and laca Through no fault of (for it was certainly no de as a dog, from the King's, is, and always; hopefully and ludicrously adequate for the pur serves at Festival time. Its backstage corridors, which the members of c international opera co have passed, could sp first words they wou would take the form of boast that they knew say: "What sort of pi this, may I ask?" in the world's major lang

Glasgow caused me to experience a sudden thirst

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The object of my admiration is a mean bitch

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Baron Moss

Releasing Hitler's deputy could accelerate a fascist revival

Why Rudolf Hess should remain a prisoner in Spandau

The bomb that exploded at a crowded anti-fascist meeting in Brescia, in Northern Italy, recently, killing six people and injuring 79, may help to awaken many who appear to have been unaware of the revival of fascism and Nazism in many parts of the world.

It may even give food for further thought to those, including Lord Chalfont in *The Times*, and Mr A. J. P. Taylor in *The Observer*, who have been calling for the release from prison of the most important living Nazi, Rudolf Hess.

The inspiration and encouragement that Hess would give to the resurgent Nazi and fascist movements throughout the world is the most important factor left out of the calculations of these and other commentators who have joined in the recent "release Hess campaign".

It seems clear from Colonel Eugene Bird's recent book *The Lone Wolf Man in the World* that Hess still believes that what he did was right, and maintains an "unrepentant Hitlerism, anti-semitism and hatred of mankind". It also appears from the film shown recently on ITV that, far from being a "sick old man", Hess is in good health and Colonel Bird found him to be "an intelligent man... never mad or crazy".

Add one further fact to the above, namely that the Hess home has been maintained by his wife, Ilse, as a National Socialist shrine for visiting Nazis from all over the world, and a clearer picture emerges.

The release of this leading Nazi from prison would be celebrated as a victory by the people who planted the bomb in Brescia and who have dynamited trade

union and other organizations in the same area nine times since the beginning of this year. It would also be taken as a great encouragement, and incentive, to the hoodlums who invaded the Edmonton, soon after Hitler birthday celebration earlier this year and desecrated and destroyed 60 graves, leaving the place looking "as if it had been hit by a bomb", according to a report in *The Jewish Chronicle*.

There is no doubt that his release would shortly be followed by another volume of memoirs (perhaps a new *Mein Kampf*?), thousands of pounds would be showered upon him for serialization rights in the popular press and Mr Ludovic Kennedy would interview him for the BBC, as he did with Albert Speer, without once condemning him for his past crimes.

The danger, of course, is that we tend to think of the terrible activities of the Nazis as being in the past. But Hess is not simply a man who was a leading Nazi. Hess is, today, the leading Nazi in the world. Fascism is not simply a movement which existed in the past. Fascism is alive and well and living in Brescia. And in Edmonton. And other places.

If we accept that fascism and Nazism are not dead, and that the release of the world's leading Nazi could be an encouragement to those who wish to promote a Nazi renaissance, it is necessary to weigh against this the arguments that have been advanced in favour of setting Hess free.

Lord Chalfont bases his case on the need for compassion, and in saying that it might provide a contrast. So it proved, as he reports:



The days of power: Hess stands behind the Führer. Goering stands on left of picture.

Colonel Bird clearly indicates that Hess has no interest in rehabilitation. He remains a convinced Nazi and anti-semitic, and would do it all again if he had the chance.

Can one have compassion for a man who would be prepared, on his release, to advocate the destruction of another six million Jews?

Lord Chalfont says that "when, through lack of charity and human feelings we diminish Rudolf Hess we are diminishing the whole of mankind". On the contrary. When we diminish evil we enlarge mankind. That was what the war was all about. It is pointless to say "never again" as I am sure Lord Chalfont said with all of us, as the full extent of the Nazi holocaust was exposed, if we follow it up by saying: "Well, not for 30 years anyway."

Then there is the argument that it is only the Russians who want to keep Hess in Spandau, first to keep a foothold in Berlin and secondly because they believe (misapplied or not) that Hess flew to Britain to persuade us to make peace on the western front so that Hitler could attack the USSR without worrying about us attacking him. This is a red herring.

Hess is in prison, not for flying to Britain, but for everything he did before flying to Britain. Contrary to A. J. P. Taylor's assertion that "Hess had a purely decorative role in Nazi affairs after 1935", the facts show that not only did Hess personally sign the original anti-Jewish decrees (the infamous Nuremberg Race Laws) but, after 1935, signed the decrees for the incorporation of Austria into the Reich and the extension of those race laws into Austria. After that he deprived the Jews of the right to vote or hold office, withdrew licences from Jewish doctors, eliminated Jewish lawyers, excluded Jews from economic life, decreed that Jews had no legal claims arising from pogroms and, in 1938, signed the decrees incorporating Danzig and other Polish territories into the Reich for the purpose of German *Lebensraum* and economic expansion.

There is no space here to list all the inhuman decrees that Hess signed, and all the Hitler-worshipping speeches he made right up to 1941 when he flew to Britain.

It might be useful, however, for those concerned with compassion and humanity to recall that Hess recommended the strengthening of the Waffen SS in Poland because "through their intensive National Socialist training in racial problems, the Waffen SS must be looked upon as particularly well qualified for employment in the occupied eastern territories".

What this means we all know now. But it was spelled out then in a letter from the Reich Ministry of Justice to the Chief of the Reich Chancellery, dated April 17, 1941, concerning special penal laws for Jews and Poles in those occupied eastern territories.

"The suggestions of the Deputy Führer (Hess) have been taken into consideration to a far-reaching extent... any Pole or Jew in the eastern territories can in future be prosecuted, and any kind of punishment inflicted upon him for any attitude or action which is considered punishable... In accordance with the opinion of the Deputy of the Führer, I started from the supposition that the Pole is less susceptible to the infliction of ordinary imprisonment... Under these new kinds of punishment prisoners are to be lodged outside prisons, in camps, and are to be forced to do the heaviest and hardest labour."

Thus did Rudolf Hess open the gates to Auschwitz, Treblinka, Majdanek and the rest of the death camps.

The Times Diary

Much passion but little dissent

skirt, who demanded that speakers opposed to the resolutions be given a chance to speak. The conference, however, repented at this gesture, and refused to vote Miss Truster out of the chair.

The newly ennobled Doris Fisher, winding up, assured everybody that she understood their impatience which sprang, she said, from the dearth to women's hearts of the subjects under discussion. The conference voted faithfully as she recommended, then proceeded to discuss the problem of battered wives, on a resolution put by a pugilistic and loose-breasted supporter of Women's Liberation.

The only dissent to a call for action came from a timorous lady from Fareham in Hampshire, who said that wife battering was unheard of there. Other delegates, however, attested to its existence in Bath, Coventry, and Oxford, and the loudest applause was reserved for a lady from Bridgewater who denied that it was the preserve of the working class. Some of the biggest clappers are from the professional people, and what we call—no, I don't call them—upper classes. Doctors and solicitors and that sort.

A resolution on citizenship was taken up almost entirely without personal histories of women who were not allowed to

bring their foreign-born husbands into the country. One woman claimed that her daughter had shown the courage of her socialist convictions by marrying a Chinese.

The vote of thanks at the end drew applause for everybody from the Mayor of Swansea to the organizer, and everything ended on a note of sisterly sweetness. The delegates sang *Auld Lang Syne*, rather uncertainly, followed by *The Red Flag* which Renee Short, MP, conducted with gusto.

In the foyer, as they parted many of the women kissed and some had their photographs taken. A woman from Barneley begged a copy of a paper from me and I spared her a *Sun*. She thanked me, but said it was not really Labour, and you had to read the *Morning Star* to get what was true.

The Scots are getting assertive. A letter in *The Scotsman* said: "Naturally we who live in such a beautiful and now wealthy country resent being outbid by our often bumptious cousins from other parts. The effect was diluted, though, by the letter being placed just above the paper's biblical quotation for the day: 'When an alien settles in your land... you shall love him as a man like yourself.' (Leviticus XIX, 33.)"



Out and out

able antiques and the £250,000 they brought with them as a coroner down to London.

A leader of the outraged club-women is Mrs Richard Williams, a state registered nurse. She says: "I have fought all my professional life for equal rights for people. It was through my efforts in the late 1940s that the St John Ambulance Brigade was the first organization to give male state registered nurses equal status with women. I protest most strongly about the present situation, as I did at the harranging of male nurses from full membership of the Cowdray Club, which was formed for nurses and professional women."

Many Cowdray members are as incensed as Mrs Williams at the discrimination.

A press release from Agnew's, the Bond Street art dealers, about their current exhibition, states: "Many old masters are still comparatively inexpensive. Half the pictures in the exhibition are being marked to sell at less than £20,000."

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Sir Peter Ramsbotham, Britain's man in Washington since February, has been making a round of social debuts now that the refurbished embassy residence of "The In and Out" whose signs give the club its sobriquet, is reserved for men only, but the women's side entrance may be used by men, if it suits them. Yet the In and Out was happy enough to welcome, with half-open arms, the 450 members of the Cowdray Club, their valu-

red by the fact that it had been devoured by Rudolf Nureyev arrived. Last weekend, the ad appeared in a new guest singer at the Ly time music hall staged embassy players for Bri American friends.

Sir Peter capped the with *She's only a bird caged in an elegant cage*. Moustachioed (any twirling a cane, ducted his audience w dusted that they compel to an encore, but he fo reprise. Unflummoxed, ducted his retreat with a colossal aplomb, with a ally fervish search thr waistcoat for the words

Their first real showcase was a luncheon for the Royal Ballet. It was a splendid affair, unmar-

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funereal display in as not particularly. It did not, as did the Republic of Ireland with the same event, mpose of a subversive rooted in the country Government and the law dare not convey. Nor has anyone turn into a no-go area. To reason to be chilled. There was every e infuriated by it. It along alap in the face ong-suffering British e resentment, which e in the House of Com- day, is so sharp that it ies do not take steps a reiteration there is a hat others will take it selves to do so. The s squarely within the lting behaviour likely a breach of the peace- stification enough for r. It to be a law against s case there is. Section ous Order Act, 1936. Prohibition of uni-

forms in connection with political objects". It provides that any person who in any public place or at a public meeting wears uniform signifying his association with any political organization or with the promotion of any political object shall be guilty of an offence. The word "uniform" is not defined. The magistracy has however rejected the contention that it implies a complete outfit. Uniformed members of the British Union of Fascists, whose activities stimulated the legislation, were successfully prosecuted. Also convicted have been people dressed up like the Ku-Klux-Klan. A less offensive organization devoted to Social Credit whose livery consisted of green shirt, green tie and armband, was also proceeded against in the thirties, but magistrates in different parts found differently.

There may be some hesitation in the office of the DPP about whether the IRA accessories of black beret and arm-glasses constitute a uniform within the meaning of the Act. Coming off the boat from Boulogne they would pass without comment. Escorting a coffin in Kilburn

Proposed strike powers for unions

From the Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry
Sir, The Government would have us believe that the main effect of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill is to restore the law on industrial relations to the situation prevailing before 1971. With increased pressure being exerted in Parliament to pass this legislation before the summer recess it is a matter of urgency that this myth—which was given credence in your editorial of May 21—should be exploded and that the general public should be made aware of the great increase in the opportunity for trade unions to exert power.

Safety standards in engineering

From the Master of Downing College
Sir, I write as one familiar with the meticulous care taken by our Services in the handling of things which can produce big bangs and in the choice and safeguarding of manufacturing and storage sites. My purpose in writing is to reinforce and help to ram home the eminently sane and sensible letter from Brigadier Allen which appeared in your June 7 issue. Few professional engineers would disagree with his flat assertion that there is a finite chance of something unfortunate happening, sooner or later it will happen.

Meetings with Frelimo

From the Rev Adrian Hastings
Sir, The warm initial meetings between Dr Maria Semedo and the members of Frelimo in Lusaka is encouraging. Three weeks ago in Lusaka I appealed on both radio and television for Africa and the new Portugal to approach one another in a really generous spirit and I spoke particularly of Soares and how he had set beside me at last July's London press conference on Wiriyamu. A few days later I was able to discuss the Mozambique situation at some length with senior Frelimo officials in Dar es Salaam.

IS MORE UNPOPULAR THAN EVER

Government finance has in such disarray as it Many householders with rate demands half in as last year's—some almost twice as much—cases come in spite of vermirent contribution. port larger than ever rual successive national ives within a period of d a major reorganiza- horities one of whose e more efficient use sources. It is no won- reaction of thousands rs has been one of indignation. The rity associations at g with Mr Silk in ed-terday should have t no doubt about the feeling or about the vent the same thing ning next year.

burden to fall increasingly heavily on the cities, and in particular on inner city areas, in problems of which it is an important factor. Mr Crosland gave some relief to the cities, at the cost of inordinate increases in many areas outside them. It has to be said, however, that many of those whose rates have risen so shockingly are still paying less than occupiers of similar property in towns. An aggregate increase of similar dimensions, falling still more heavily on some people a better able to bear it, would have occurred under the original plan, in spite of all the last government's pressure for impossible restraints on council spending. Much local government expenditure is fixed far in advance, or required by statute, or grows unavoidably in response to population growth or rising interest rates.

resentment has resulted from the public relations error of separately setting out the charges of the new public water authorities, without explaining that they are the old water rate, and not an extra imposition. A great many people in country districts are in no position to meet rate increases which may be very large relative to their incomes. Country rates have been low because the wealth of services provided in a city is absent. The retired—always the first victims of inflation—will suffer particularly. The situation again exposes the unsatisfactory nature of the rates as a tax, falling as they do with insufficient account of the individual's ability to pay, and varying from area to area often for arbitrary reasons. No rearrangement of the rate support grant can fully overcome these defects. Mr Crosland suggested last week that the total of government support would have to increase next year. With 60 per cent of council finance already coming from this source, the implications of that for local autonomy are serious. None of the various other ways for councils to raise money provide any kind of satisfactory alternative. But it is not fair that a major and unavoidable tax should be subject to such steep increases in its incidence. There is a strong case for emergency provision from central funds to enable local authorities to contain their rate call within a maximum percentage increase, which should be considerably lower than some of those now found necessary.

Finding a solution for Northern Ireland

From Professor Thomas Wilson
Sir, Professor Peter Wiles (June 7) has raised once more the question of changing the border in Northern Ireland. This possibility attracted a certain amount of attention a couple of years ago both in your columns and elsewhere. Professor Wiles refers in particular to an article by myself which appeared in the Round Table for January, 1972, and was followed by some correspondence in that journal to which he contributed. But there was no question of our preparing jointly a plan along the lines suggested in his letter of June 7.

their sympathies elsewhere of a fact that should long have been obvious: that a large majority in the North does not want a united Ireland. If republican attitudes are modified accordingly, this will be some gain to set against the evil that has been done. But the intransigence of the "loyalists" remains. To convince the world of this we need to continue to reject power sharing in any form is another. In these circumstances it may be right to bring the question of the border back into public discussion at least to the extent of warning the supporters of UDI that an independent authoritarian "Ulster", if it could ever be established, all it would have to be drastically smaller in size. To give such a warning is a very different matter from adopting a policy of the kind commended with much confidence by Professor Wiles. If, indeed, British troops were to be withdrawn and civil war were to follow, all sorts of drastic action would be necessary when the British troops eventually returned—with or without the troops of other nations. But we have scarcely reached that situation yet, and we need not take it for granted that we shall do so. Meanwhile we have direct rule—and one must hope firm and intelligent rule. We must carry on on this basis and continue to work for an acceptable and reasonably democratic solution. Yours faithfully, T. WILSON, Department of Political Economy, Adam Smith Building, University of Glasgow, Glasgow.

PERHAPS M. SERVAN-SCHREIBER IS RIGHT

sing thing about M. eiber is perhaps not so he has been sacked 11 days in the French t but that he lasted as long and rubbed appling white led to the political maverick. President was equally ted. His abrupt departs from the Govern- ver, a self-questioning ver a subject which has ked the kind of public France that it has in y. ave of course been e extent, the direction y existence of France's veapons programme- een left-wing inspired. Branches of the armed t have been starved of uring the build-up of de dissuasion have o communicate their ment. But in general ith the impression that de in the considerable hievements in weapons has tended to sup- of the latent criticism. lear programme has benefited from this, d by criticism at home, d by criticism abroad, and scientists of the blic have been impeded er own technical limi- t great expense, but no t substantial technolo-

gical spin-off, they have constructed a triad of nuclear forces which can hardly fail to impress. But are they all that credible? Has the money been so well spent? The 36 Mirage-IV bombers with their 70-kiloton bombs came into service ten years ago and by now must constitute a frail line of attack against Soviet modern air defences. Fewer than half would probably survive an attack on their nine French bases. Those which got away would be restricted in the air by their limited range and their dependence on refuelling. Despite their supersonic speed they do not represent a much more reliable deterrent than Britain's admittedly obsolescent fleet of Vulcan bombers.

the French would probably have to fire the missiles on first detection of a Soviet launch—a decision which any French president would find it near impossible to take. It is arguable that at worst, one or two French missiles would stand a reasonable chance of reaching their targets—and that the risk of this would serve to deter the Russians. But does this chance constitute the most efficient use of the £470m which, it is estimated, has already been spent on the Plateau d'Albion and the huge sums which are still destined for enlarging and improving the missiles? The one really credible element in the nuclear triad consists of the small fleet of ballistic missile submarines. By 1976 France will have as many of these as Britain, armed with missiles which will still lack the range of Polaris will have a bigger yield. By 1978 she should be able to guarantee two on station at any one time, which should make the force look less vulnerable than the British four boat Polaris force. The technical achievement will be something on which French scientists can rightly look back with satisfaction. But the cost has been colossal, and one wonders if the French nuclear programme has always absorbed the cost to the best advantage. It is a programme which probably merits more internal criticism rather than less.

Sale of church treasures

From Lord Fletcher
Sir, The criticisms by the Registrar of the sale of Canterbury (June 6) of the so-called error in the letter which my co-signatories and I wrote on May 21 are frail means of discrediting our submission. First, apart from the sum of applications to the Church of England, his record is not necessarily comprehensive. Secondly, in secular cases, the final appeal is before three judges, not one as in ecclesiastical cases. In decisions upon the sale of church treasures, archaeology, liturgy, the fine arts and aesthetics are inextricably involved, yet the chancellors traditionally have demonstrated that they are concerned primarily (and not quite properly) with the legal aspects of an application. Our submission that faculty jurisdiction was not designed to cover sales from churches of objects of national importance, sales which could greatly increase in number as times get harder for the church, remains perfectly valid. Yours sincerely, FLETCHER, House of Lords.

On the side of oil

From Dame Freya Stark
Sir, In looking through my letters for publication, I came upon the following, written on March 26, 1944, to Miss Monroe (now Mrs. Neame) in the Ministry of Information in London. "All we need do is to sit like Cassandra and watch the Trojan horse and what comes out of it. I cannot believe that the USA will long remain on the side opposite to Oil." As it has taken 30 years for this fact to become noticeable, I venture to send this remark from the past. Yours faithfully, FREYA STARK, 53 from 5 Wilton Court, 53 Eccleston Square, SW1.

Mr Hochhauser and the Bolshoi Ballet

From Mr Yehudi Menuhin
Sir, I am particularly sorry that this, my first public response to an article by Bernard Levin (June 8), should be critical as, for the most part, I am one of his staunchest admirers, having repeatedly conveyed privately my admiration. Perhaps with a man of such strong convictions and dynamic restlessness it is inevitable that once in a while he may be carried too far and this, bearing in mind a sense of proportion, I readily forgive. In this spirit I submit the following.

religionist. It would surely be misleading of him to sever chain of contacts which has enabled him to bring help and hope to so many behind the guarded borders. Victor Hochhauser's only fault was a too human wish to remain outside the African area the edge, which had become distasteful to him. He has already given proof of good faith in forfeiting any profit from the Coliseum's venture and in donating any possible reimbursements for the services in favour of Amnesty. Yours faithfully, YEHUDI MENUHIN, 2 The Grove, Highgate Village, NG.

My garden

From A. St. Aubyn
From very justifiable concern for the future of stately homes collections contained in is considerable cause for the survival of gardens to private owners which to the public, either com- or an open days, for is, of course, usually a thievement and many will appear before people be of the irreplaceable loss. led by the President of Landowners' Association map of a working party is of reference are to com- bles of private owners arborists, dedicated leg- A form of questionnaire ted to private owners of rnational secretaries and s consulted a number of ing agents. collected considerable on all parts of England rivate owners will not be time to maintain garden- to the public. They are ad- ly hit by inflation and s well as by the absence

of tax relief for gardens which cannot be expected to show a commercial profit. Furthermore, many private owners have replied that, because of the present capital taxes, they do not anticipate that after their death, their success will be able to maintain their gardens and open them to the public. It is hoped that some way will be found for gardens to continue to be maintained by private owners, as so much has been contributed by them in the past. More money might be made available for grant aid both for capital costs and normal annual expenditure. Certainly the effect of the proposed wealth tax on the private owners of gardens should be very carefully considered. Also, it should be remembered that many landowners are still carrying out their traditional role of maintaining and enhancing the beauty of their land for public enjoyment as well as their own.

Changes in pensions

From Mrs Margaret Linell
Sir, With the stroke of a pen, preferably red, the millions of old age pensioners expecting to get £10 instead of £7.75 could alter their own counterfoils for dates from July 22. More complicated figures would have to be done officially, but basic pension books should be printed in future with the words "basic pension" and the current amount of this could be shown in all Post Offices. If the pension is to be increased as the cost of living rises, this is the only simple way to deal with it. Yours truly, MARGARET LINELL, 56 Marlborough Place, NW8.

The Club of Ten

From Mr Adam Raphael
Sir, I realise that newspapers are not responsible for the views of their advertisers however tendentious or perverse they may be. Perhaps though I may be allowed to point out a number of factual distortions which appear in today's Times in a full page advertisement commissioned by an anonymous South African front group calling itself the Club of Ten. The claim that British public opinion had no effect in producing improvements in wages and conditions is belied by evidence given to the Parliamentary Select Committee. To quote two examples:

within three months of the original article Slater Walker raised the wages of its lowest paid estate workers by 100 per cent and English Calica raised its lowest basic wage by 147 per cent. There are other factual absurdities but to save a wearisome recital perhaps I can merely point to one. The statement that a European worker in Hongkong doing the same job as a Chinese is normally paid seventy to one hundred times as much appears to be a statistic lifted from the clouds, for no source is given. Finally, to turn from dubious facts to slippery reasoning, the Club of Ten's claim that workers in some under-developed countries face even worse conditions of employment than in the Republic is possibly true. What, however, is indisputable is that nowhere else in the world has a more comprehensive system of exploitation and discrimination emerged than in South Africa. That is why British companies operating there have a particular responsibility. Yours faithfully, ADAM RAPHAEL, The Guardian, 192 Gray's Inn Road, WCL, June 10.

Dress in court

From Mr John Watson
Sir, A sweater and slacks for a woman, like a sports coat and open-necked shirt for a man, are "casuals". For day-to-day wear in this modern age, especially by the younger generation, they are perfectly acceptable. But there are many people, in no sense "squares", to whom at times they are not acceptable—at a church service, in a court of justice, on any occasion when respect and knowledge of the solemnity or dignity of the proceedings is called for. In courtesy their views should be respected. Mr Birnberg's young lady (June 8) had committed no crime, but was justly rebuked for bad manners. She has no more to complain of than Mr Birnberg himself, had he attended court improperly dressed and been similarly dealt with. As an officer of the court he would be better employed in teaching his pupils to behave courteously than in bombarding about the bench. Your obedient servant, JOHN WATSON, Elmton Old Vicarage, Saffron Walden, Essex.

Non-stick stamps

From Mr R. A. S. Thomas
Sir, We have the same problem of non-stick stamps in this country. The solution is to lick the envelope instead of the stamp. I can't think why that works, but it does; and the taste is preferable. Yours faithfully, R. A. S. THOMAS, Quinta de Penaferrim, Sintra, Portugal.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 10: The Queen has learned with deep regret of the death of The Duke of Gloucester, Her Majesty's Uncle.

The Queen, as Colonel-in-Chief, was present at a Garden Party this afternoon given by the 1st Battalion Irish Guards, at the Barracks, Caterham.

Her Majesty was received upon arrival by the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Bernard Gault, and the Lady Margaret Hay, Mr Philip Moore and Lieutenant-Colonel the Lord Plumtree were in attendance.

Today is the fifty-third anniversary of the Birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Master, with the Prince of Wales, as Elder Brother Elect, and accompanied by Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, this morning attended the Trinity House Annual Court at Trinity House, a Church Service at St Olave's Church and was subsequently entertained at luncheon with the Elder Brethren.

Commander William Willett, RN, and Squadron Leader David Checketts were in attendance.

His Royal Highness, as President of the British National Appeal for the present evening, King's World Wildlife Fund Conference and Reception at the Banqueting House, Whitehall.

Commander William Willett, RN, was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this morning received Lieutenant-Colonel B. M. Pinn upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, Royal Regiment of Wales, and Lieutenant-Colonel D. E. Cox on his assumption of this appointment.

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 10: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon attended a Service at the University Church of Christ the King, Gordon Square, and afterwards was present at a Reception given at the Senate House to mark the Centenary of the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine.

The Lady Katharine Seymour and Captain Alastair Aird were in attendance.

The Earl of Cromer was the guest of honour at the luncheon held at Chatham House, London, June 6, not Lord Balogh as previously stated.

A memorial service for Sir Harry Ricardo will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, at 11.30 am on Wednesday, July 24.

The King of Sweden has been elected an honorary member of the Linnean Society of London.

Birthdays today
Sir John Addis, 60; Commander Sir John Best-Shaw, 79; Miss Beryl Grey, 47; Miss Peggy Jones, 47; Admiral Sir Henry McCall, 73; Sir Paul Mason, 70; Major-General L. E. C. M. Perowne, 72; Night Rev Dr A. S. Reeva, 67; Major-General Sir Nigel Tapp, 70; Sir Edward Thompson, 72.

Latest wills
Residue for charities after wife's death
Mr Percy Stephen Whitworth, of Folkestone, solicitor, left £44,634 net (duty paid, £4,105). After specific bequests he left £2,000 and effects to his wife and the residue on trust for her for life and then further legacies totalling £2,000 and the remainder equally between the RAF Benevolent Fund, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, NSPCC, and the Deptford Pensions Society.

Mr John Stone, of Bournemouth, left £201,636 net (duty paid, £95,406). Among specific bequests he left £10,000 to the Gareshead (Vesna) Talmontal College.

Miss Margaret Elaine Foster, of Brookwood, Surrey, King's Prize-winner, 1930, left £23,273 net (duty paid, £2,240). She left £1,000 to the National Rifle Association, her rifles and equipment to G. E. Fulton & Son, NRA Ranges, Bisleigh Camp, and her medals, badges and trophies to the Army Museum, Sandhurst.

Trinity House
The Duke of Edinburgh has been re-elected Master of the Corporation of Trinity House, Captain D. S. Tibbins, RN Deputy Master and Captain D. A. G. Dickens and Captain J. E. Bury Wardman.

The Prince of Wales has been elected an honorary Elder Brother of the corporation.

Today's engagements
The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron of the Engineering Employers' Federation Safety Campaign "Against Accidents", presents certificates to winning companies and recipients of royal medals and other awards.

The Prince of Wales, as Colonel-in-Chief, visits 4th Battalion, The Royal Welsh, at the Royal Kanok Camp, Salisbury Plain, 4.55.

Princess Anna opens the Leather Expo '74 and accepts saddles on behalf of the Riding for the Disabled Association, Earls Court, 11.30.

The Duchess of Kent opens headquarters of the National Children's Bureau, Watley Street, Islington, 2.55.

The Duchess of Kent opens annual conference of the Institute of Health Service Administrators and the International Hospital and Health Services Exhibition, Earls Court, 10.15.

GLC meeting, County Hall, 2.30.

Memorial service
Professor T. E. Evans
A memorial service for Professor Trevor Ellis Evans was held yesterday at St Michael and All Angels, Aberystwyth, in connection with the centenary of his birth. The service was conducted by Canon C. A. Williams, Sir Goronwy Daniel, Principal of University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, gave the address and the seasons were read by Sir Ben Bowen Thomas (President of University College of Wales, Aberystwyth) and Mr Iwan John.

Among those present were: Mrs T. E. Evans (widow), Mrs Elizabeth Evans, Mrs G. Evans, Mrs M. Evans, Mrs J. Evans, Mrs K. Evans, Mrs L. Evans, Mrs M. Evans, Mrs N. Evans, Mrs O. Evans, Mrs P. Evans, Mrs Q. Evans, Mrs R. Evans, Mrs S. Evans, Mrs T. Evans, Mrs U. Evans, Mrs V. Evans, Mrs W. Evans, Mrs X. Evans, Mrs Y. Evans, Mrs Z. Evans.

University news
English: Dr. J. H. Green, MA, OBE, Secretary of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, is to be the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Association, which will be held at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on July 12. Dr. Green is also the author of the book "The English Language: A History" (1973).

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England lead in world chess
Nice, June 10.—England won two adjourned games against Ecuador in the world chess Olympiad today and took the lead in Group 3 ahead of the United States after three rounds.

Wales share the lead with the Soviet Union at Group 1, while Cuba, Argentina, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, South Africa and Bulgaria are in from in their groups.

Scotland is lying fifth in Group 1 and Ireland is sixth in Group 3.

Carpenter back to see Queen
Mr Noor Husain, aged 80, a Pakistani carpenter who spent his life serving in the Indian Army, is to see the Queen, stood by an elaborately carved teak bed yesterday and said he hoped it would make a fitting wedding gift for Princess Anne.

Mr Husain's first visit to Britain last December to present the bed ended when he was deported as an illegal immigrant. Mr Patrick Cormack, Conservative MP for Stroudfordshire, South-west, raised more than £500 for a return visit. "I think the presence of the old man, was quite appalling," he said. Mr Husain will see the Queen on Saturday at Trooping the Colour.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain H. Gledhill and Miss M. Powell
The engagement is announced between Captain Hugh Gledhill, MA, Officers' Mess, Chilwell, and Mrs Moreson Powell, JP, of Woodthorpe, Nottingham.

Mr O. P. Nicholson and Miss A. M. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Oliver Philip, son of the late Dr George Nicholson and of Mrs Eleanor Nicholson, of Tiverton, Devon, and Anne Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs Allen Thompson, of Hereford, Cheshire.

Mr M. F. Smith and Miss C. J. Kerley
The engagement is announced between Michael Forbes Smith, The Gordon Highlands, son of Mr F. W. Smith and the late Mrs Smith, Corstonhouse, Edinburgh, and Christian Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Nichol, of Glasgow, Scotland.

Mr R. D. K. Wallace and Miss K. B. C. Ingilly
The marriage of Mr R. D. K. Wallace and Miss K. B. C. Ingilly will take place on Saturday, June 15, as planned. This was the late Mr Wallace's wish. The bride's late father.

Marriages
Lord Garvagh and Miss C. Pretty
The marriage took place quietly in London on Saturday, June 10, between Lord Garvagh and Miss Cynthia Pretty.

Dr M. Brough and Dr G. Sleight
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 8, in the King Henry VII Chapel, London, between Dr M. Brough, son of Mr and Mrs K. D. Brough, of Highgate, London, and Dr Geraldine Sleight, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Sleight, of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire. The Dean of Westminster officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Nicola Sleight, and Vanessa and Edward Ryan. Mr Colin Brough was best man.

A reception was held in Westminster School and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr D. Fitz-Gerald and Miss J. Hillier
The marriage took place in London on June 10 of Mr Derek Fitz-Gerald, son of Mr and Mrs D. Fitz-Gerald, 72 Elm Park Road, London, SW3, and Miss Jane Hillier, daughter of Mr Richard Hillier, of Martins Farm, Seabring, Essex, and Mrs Jane Hillier. A reception was held at the Ritz Hotel.

Mr W. A. Ironmonger and Miss P. C. Campbell
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 8, at the Church of St Peter, Richmond, North, between Mr William Anthony Ironmonger, youngest son of Group Captain and Mrs J. Ironmonger, of Riggmagnon, Surrey, and Miss Patricia Campbell, second daughter of Dr and Mrs James Campbell, of Chirchchurch Road, Norwich.

Commander E. J. Tamlyn, RNR (Retd) and Mrs M. G. Crispe (Retd) and Mrs M. G. Crispe.

The marriage took place in Saffron Walden on June 8 between Colonel and Mrs J. Tamlyn and Mrs Gill Crispe.

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Visitors using a new brass-rubbings centre in Norwich which has replicas of brasses from churches not only in Norfolk but as far away as Westmoreland and Somerset. The replicas are made by using resin moulds on the originals.

Luncheon
HM Government
Mr David Ernals, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Aziz Ahmed, Pakistani Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs.

The Pakistani Ambassador, Lord Balfour, MP, and other guests were present.

Dinners
HM Government
Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State, Department of Trade, was host at a dinner held at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Aziz Ahmed, Pakistani Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs.

The Pakistani Ambassador, Lord Balfour, MP, and other guests were present.

Receptions
HM Government
Mr J. H. McGilchrist, QC, Solicitor General for Scotland, and Mrs McGilchrist were hosts last night at a reception in Edinburgh Castle, on the occasion of the visit to Scotland of the Council of Europe Committee on Economic Affairs and Development.

Lord Killara was host at a reception at the House of Lords on Monday for members of the Anglo-Thal Society after their annual general meeting. Lady Killara, the Thal Ambassador, patron of the society, and Anthony Dooling, Superintendent and Sir Gordon Witteridge, chairman, and Lady Witteridge were among those present.

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OBITUARY

THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER

Third son of King George V

The Duke of Gloucester, whose death is announced on another page, was the last surviving son of King George V and an uncle of the Queen. He was 74.

Prince Henry William Frederick Albert, the third son of King George V and Queen Mary, was born on March 31, 1900, at York Cottage, Sandringham. Two of his godparents marked the name of his father, which was his own name, was born. One was Lord Roberts—the hero of the hour, who had lately arrived in South Africa and relieved Ladysmith. The other was the German Emperor who was emerging from a period of estrangement from the English Royal Family after his telegram to Kruger. In his ebullient, not wholly sincere style he wrote to Queen Victoria to congratulate her on the birth of Prince Henry.

It was his hope that his wife and he would live together and that he may add a new ray of sunshine in the pretty lodge (York Cottage).

But in spite of these illustrious sponsors, Prince Henry moved into a childhood which was secluded and perhaps was more different from that of his well-to-do East Anglian contemporaries.

He was the first son of a reigning sovereign to go to a private school—at Broadstairs—and then on to Eton. He was in fact the only son of an English King or Queen to go to that school and he was treated as a special privilege except that he was met by a royal brougham at Slough on arriving for his first term.

He was in Mr S. Lubbock's house, where was also King Leopold of the Belgians, a chance which was not without importance in the days of 1940.

In October, 1919, Prince Henry went up to Cambridge with Prince Albert—the future George VI. The brothers were only to stay for a year and while the high spirits and gaiety of university circles which followed after the victory of 1918, found a ready response in them the influence of Cambridge did not perhaps cut very deep. Prince Henry does not appear to have formed lasting college friendships—possibly because of his father's last wish that he should not live in college but in an ugly little house off the Trumpington Road.

The Army was Prince Henry's choice of career and with two elder brothers between him and the succession he was able to follow his career with professional assiduity. He was to prove far more than a mere ceremonial soldier. On coming down from Cambridge in 1919 he was gazetted a second lieutenant in the KRRC, later being transferred to the 10th Royal Hussars. He was promoted captain in 1929—and this rather leisurely step upwards emphasizes that his Army career was more professional than royal.

In 1928 he was created Baron Bunsford, a title which was later to be merged with the Dukedom of Gloucester. He was which were very closely linked with the Hanoverian family to whose members the Duke bore some physical likeness.

In the 1920s an Army career had lost some of its pre-1914 glamour; indeed it was dismissed as "irrelevance" among those intellectual circles which were beginning to shape the thinking of that wild decade. Such thinking, together with the Duke's absorption in his profession, made him a decidedly less familiar personality to the public than were his brothers and sisters.

But with the serious illness of King George V in 1928 the Duke had to interrupt his Service career to take his place in the ranks of the Royal Family. He was to remain in the ranks until 1929 when he was promoted to invest the Emperor of Japan with the order of the Garter. The ceremony took place in May in the Imperial Palace of Tokyo, and the Duke was present afterwards with the Grand Order of the Garter. He had the blunt, forthright humour of the Royal Family and when, 12 years afterwards, he heard the news of Pearl Harbour, he exclaimed: "I think they made me travel."

KATHARINE CORNELL
New York, June 11.—Katharine Cornell, who died on Sunday aged 76, was among the most consistently admired and steadfastly modest American actresses of the 20th century. She was married to Guthrie McClintic, who after 1925 directed nearly all of her plays. During the 1920s, as a Broadway personage, entirely unaggressive, she was able to transcend her own limitations as a theatre manager. New York critics, when she acted there from 1916 to 1918, in a famous amateur company, the Washington Square Players, were already noticing her ability in long speeches. She went on to leave behind a body decorated with honours and dignity, in *Bessie's The Barretts of Wimpole Street* after 28 other.

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MIGUEL ASTURIAS

Guatemalan novelist

Miguel Angel Asturias, Guatemalan novelist, awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1957, died today at the age of 86. He was born in Guatemala City on August 10, 1899. He was a member of the Guatemalan Academy of Letters and the Guatemalan Academy of Sciences. He was also a member of the Guatemalan Academy of Letters and the Guatemalan Academy of Sciences.

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MRS JOAN SI
Mrs Joan Shaw, 81, of the musician and Martin Shaw, OBE, FF on June 6 at Southfolk. She was 84.

She worked closely throughout her life with her husband and as Joan Cobbold arranged the words for his compositions. At her death she was on plans to commission a new work for her husband's 80th birthday. She was a member of the Cobbold family and her husband was a member of the Cobbold family.

T'ang figure sets record at Chinese ceramics sale
By a Sales Room Two-day sale of Chinese ceramics and works of art at Christie's yesterday brought in a record for a T'ang figure—a piece was a glazed buff pottery figure of a mounted polo player of the T'ang dynasty, which was sold for £2,400 (including 10% commission). The price is a record for a T'ang piece.

Other T'ang pottery figures sold yesterday included a mounted attendant (£2,150, Romanoff), a seated figure (£1,700), and a seated figure (£1,700). The first T'ang figure was sold for £2,400 (including 10% commission).

25 years ago
From The Times of Friday June 16, 1949

From Our Special Correspondent: Much of the old time came back yesterday to the memory of Trooping the Colour. The Horse Guards Parade was crowded with thousands of people for the first time since the outbreak of the war. The British Army was in full uniform and the British Royal Air Force was in full uniform. The British Royal Navy was in full uniform. The British Royal Air Force was in full uniform.

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Weak retail sales May show the opening effect price rises

Wholesale prices to the home market changed by manufacturing industry rose 2.1 per cent in May for rises of 1.6 per cent since December and of 11.5 per cent since January. The wholesale prices of manufactured products other than food, drink and tobacco rose 1.9 per cent last month for rises of 15.2 per cent since December and of 12.0 per cent since January. None of these price changes is seasonally adjusted.

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and the value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry. The table shows the provisional estimate for retail sales for May, published yesterday:

Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1972	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	1972	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1
1973	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	1973	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1
1974	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1	1974	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1

CBI restive at delay in overseas trade figures

There is growing unrest within industry over delay in publishing the detailed monthly Overseas Trade Statistics. The Confederation of British Industry has asked the Customs and Excise for an explanation, and is likely to press for measures needed for monitoring imports and export trends will soon begin to appear again.

The Government has made no statement since May 20, when it then promised figures for February by the end of last month, with March and April returns ready this month, and the May and June returns released in July restoring the normal service by August.

The CBI has been told by Customs that the delays since the beginning of the year in providing full trade figures are due partly to the fuel situation, and partly to difficulties arising from the introduction in January of a new data processing system in the Customs and Excise statistical office, and of extensive changes in the Overseas Kingdom, rates and overseas trade classification.

Keyser is pressed for Grendon statement

Pressure is mounting for merchant bankers Keyser, Ullmann to make a statement clarifying the position at Grendon Trust, the property and industrial group taken over by Mr Christopher Selmes last year. The Alliance Assurance Company, trustees for Grendon loan shareholders, has requested Keyser to give some indication of its future plans.

A spokesman for Alliance said yesterday that there was concern over the possibility of a financial collapse in Grendon's recent interim report. But at present, he said, the trustees lacked sufficient information to assess what action was required under the trust deeds.

Keyser Ullmann, which is believed to have advanced some £12m to Selmes private company, CST Investments, has been forced to assume management control of Grendon. The interim report revealed that Mr Selmes' three representatives on the Grendon board were to be replaced by Keyser nominees, and that Selmes' shareholding was to be sold to CST Investments.

IMF chiefs agree on defining terms for SDRs

From Frank Vogl
Washington, June 10

The executive board of directors of the International Monetary Fund has agreed that special drawing rights should be defined in future in terms of a standard basket of 16 currencies with an attached rate of interest of either 5 per cent or 5.5 per cent.

This proposal, and the fixing of the interest rate, is to be discussed here today and tomorrow by the deputies of the Committee of Twenty on international monetary reform. Sources close to the deputies said the dollar will account for about a third of the weighting of the currencies basket. The currencies included are those of the 16 most important western trading countries.

The interest rate agreed upon by the executive board reflects a compromise between substantially higher rates demanded by the less-developed countries and lower levels called for by the leading industrialized countries within the IMF. The first direct use of the new SDRs as a unit of account and exchange rate guarantee within the IMF's proposed new oil-funding facility, the sources said.

A final decision on the SDR and on the formation of the IMF facility will be taken by finance ministers in the Committee of Twenty meetings here on Wednesday and Thursday.

The sources said there is general agreement between EEC countries and the United States on the format of the IMF facility and on the definition of SDRs agreed by the IMF executive board.

Furthermore, the sources said there appears to be agreement that the interest charged on borrowings from the new oil facility should be at 7 per cent per year.

Contributions pledged to the facility are a total of about \$3,000m and countries would be able to borrow from the facility in proportion to the size of their quotas at the IMF.

The sources added that European finance ministers agreed last week at their meeting in Luxembourg to support acceptance of the broad outline report on the future of reform that has been drafted by the deputies of the Committee of Twenty.

They also agreed to accept at the meeting here some very general guidelines on when and how countries should intervene in the foreign exchange markets to manage floating rates.

The Europeans also support the American proposal for adoption here of a pledge by all countries within the IMF against the taking of restrictive unilateral trade measures to offset balance of payments deficits.

Mr William Simon, United States Treasury Secretary, plans to submit a series of proposals to Congress covering these international monetary agreements and giving the administration authority to press for changes in the basic articles of agreement of the IMF.

The sources said that Mr Simon views the agreements as a prior condition to phasing gold out of the monetary system, and strengthening the powers of the IMF in policing the international monetary system and monitoring the development of the balance of payments adjustments process.

The sources said there would be discussions here on gold this week but it was unlikely that agreement on changing the price or position of gold in the monetary system would be possible before the annual meeting of the IMF here in September.

Several finance ministers are flying into Washington early to hold private meetings before the formal committee sessions start on Wednesday. The deputies meanwhile are ironing out the finer points of the proposals.

A big problem emerging here centres on the collapse of Italy's creditworthiness in international markets and the political troubles that have emerged in Italy over the formulation of new economic policies.

Signor Emilio Colombo, the Italian Treasury Minister, called for a Group of Ten meeting for tomorrow night, but it now seems doubtful if this will take place.

One of the first foreign finance ministers to arrive was Mr Denis Healey, who held meetings today with Mr Simon, Mr Kenneth Rush, President Nixon's new economic policy adviser, Dr Arthur Burns, of the Fed, Dr Herbert Stein, of the Council of Economic Advisors, and Mr Roy Ash, Director of Office Management and the Budget.

Prime rates downtrend still hinges on Fed

From Our US Economics
Correspondent
Washington, June 10

Loan demand at leading United States commercial banks has declined significantly in recent weeks, causing some of them to make modest cuts in their prime lending rates. But few bankers in New York are prepared to predict that a downward trend in rates has started.

This caution is largely based on the expectation that the Federal Reserve will continue its tight money policies. One source, however, noted: "We shall see a real decline in rates only when the Fed eases and when Arab oil money starts flowing in."

Additional tightness in the market is likely in the next few days as the leading oil companies meet the June 15 deadline on payment of the oil price. The country of an estimated \$7,500m (£3,120m). So far the oil-producing nations are investing on a modest scale in the markets.

Banks are also being cagey because of doubts on the permanence of the recent declines in demand for loans. It was this that stopped the other leading New York banks, following First National City bank last Friday in cutting prime rate to 11.25 per cent from 11.5 per cent.

The First National Bank of Chicago, the first to make a prime rate cut recently, with a modest drop last Monday to 11.6 per cent from 11.75 per cent today made a further cut to 11.5 per cent.

Federal Reserve funds were being quoted early today at around 11.5 per cent, indicating that this high level is still in demand and underlining the Fed's efforts to maintain high rates.

The stock markets have since rallied strongly on indications of a downward trend in interest rates. But early today profit-taking was widespread as the general tone of the stock markets was mixed, reflecting caution among buyers.

Uncertainty surrounding the fate of the Franklin National Bank also continues to unsettle Wall Street. Reports suggesting that leading New York banks have proposed a plan to the Fed to rescue Franklin have been largely dismissed by market experts, who say any plan is unlikely to be formulated before Franklin publishes its revised first-quarter earnings statement.

Big tonnage increase in LNG ships

By Peter Hill

Substantial increases in the tonnage of ships in service and on order for the transportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) were announced yesterday.

There are now 21 of these highly specialized vessels in service, representing 866,700 cubic metres of carrying capacity according to the latest edition of the *Liquid Gas Carrier Register* published by H. Clarkson and Company.

A year ago there were 17 LNG ships in service with a combined capacity of nearly 500,000 cubic metres. There are now 45 ships on order totalling 4,633,000 cubic metres—an increase of 93 per cent compared with the total on order a year ago, of 28 totalling 2,405,781 cubic metres.

According to the register, there are 379 liquefied petroleum gas carriers in service with a total capacity of 2,420,401 cubic metres. This is 27 ships more than a year ago and represents a 16 per cent increase in total capacity.

The number of LPG ships on order has also increased from 22 to 30 with a total carrying capacity of 1,606,100 cubic metres. This is a rise of some 60 per cent in the carrying capacity of ships on order a year earlier.

The size of the British gas-carrying fleet will be increased further next week when Heulder Brothers sign a contract with an Italian shipyard for an LPG ship of 31,000 cubic metres capacity. *Liquid Gas Carrier Register*, published by H. Clarkson and Company, price £4.

BIS warning on Eurocurrencies

By Melvyn Westlake

The Bank for International Settlements yesterday added its voice to the chorus of warnings about the potential threat facing the Eurocurrency market from its use as a vehicle for the large-scale recycling of oil revenues.

The danger derives from the fact that borrowing countries are likely to need long-term funds, while oil-exporting nations will wish to keep their investments liquid, the BIS says in its 1974 annual report, just published.

The bank reports a vigorous growth in the Eurocurrency market in the opening three months of this year, to a level equivalent to \$170,000m, compared with \$155,000m at the close of 1973 and \$105,000m at the end of 1972.

The BIS said that central banks reporting to the BIS declared a net growth during the first quarter of 1974, from the equivalent of \$132,000m (at end of 1973) to \$145,000m. In addition, Eurocurrency centres outside Europe, such as the Bahamas, added an estimated \$25,000m to this total. Of the estimated \$132,000m European total at the end of last year, the dollar component actually accounted for \$97,000m, the remaining \$35,000m being denominated in other currencies.

The dollar component alone rose \$26,000m in 1973. These increases represent the largest yet recorded. The rapid growth of the market last year is partly attributed by the BIS to greater use of roll-over credits (on which interest rates are adjusted periodically) and to loan syndication (a technique which consists in sharing-out a loan between a large number of customers).

The dismantling of United States capital export restrictions at the end of January has led to a substantial flow of American funds to the Eurocurrency market, further integrating the two markets, the BIS report says.

Issuing its warning about the dangers now facing the international capital market, the BIS says the monetary authorities of those countries whose banks are principally involved will have to watch the Euromarket for sudden large shifts of deposits, either between financial centres or between currencies.

Financial institutions may be reluctant to see their balance sheets over-inflated by deposits from a small number of large depositors—particularly as the ready outlet for the funds may be at longer-term than the deposits, and a considerable "maturity transformation" of funds passes through the market.

Meanwhile, Italy's grave economic difficulties continued to dominate much of the informal discussions of central bankers meeting in Basle for the BIS annual meeting.

Although several plans have been proposed for helping Italy cope with its balance of payments deficits, it seems that no commitment or firm agreement has yet been reached. Indeed, in Brussels the hope of a major credit to Italy from its EEC partners was said by high European Community officials to be extremely slim.

It would seem that even if some loan (or guarantee) is forthcoming, several fairly stringent conditions may be attached.

Shell raises a \$400m Euroloan

By Our Financial Staff

Shell has returned to the Eurocurrency market for a further huge loan. It has completed arrangements for a seven-year stand-by credit for up to \$400m with a syndicate of European banks.

The deal has been arranged by Algemeen Bank Nederland and has been syndicated among 11 banks on the Continent, according to *International Insider*, the weekly newsletter on the Eurocurrency markets.

The restriction of the syndication to such a limited group of banks has led to reports in the Euromarkets that Shell may be about to seek a further substantial credit with British and American banks, but last night Shell denied it had any further plans.

The funds are unlikely to be drawn immediately and are apparently not being earmarked for any particular project. But the loan seems almost certain to be used in connection with Shell's massive £1,000m capital expenditure programme for 1974 which is half as high again as in 1973.

The loan is reported to carry an interest rate spread over the London interbank Eurodollar rate of 7 per cent.

Sears makes £45m offer for textile company

By Christopher Wilkins

Sir Charles Clore's Sears Holdings yesterday moved to strengthen its foothold in the textile industry with a surprise £45m offer for Nottingham Manufacturing. The offer has been agreed to by the Nottingham board.

The bid is being seen by Sears as an attempt to integrate vertically within the textile industry. It already produces knitting machinery, needles and cones, and has a subsidiary, Highlander, which manufactures knitwear.

But it has no textile manufacturing operation in Britain and sees Nottingham as filling this gap. Nottingham is a major supplier of knitted goods including hosiery and underwear and is one of its main customers. It recently moved into the carpet industry through a bid for Lancaster Carpets and Engineering.

The bid is being proposed through the mechanism of a scheme of arrangement. This avoids the necessity to pay stamp duty which was doubled in the last Budget but it requires the approval of three-quarters of Nottingham's shareholders and loan stockholders who vote on the deal.

Sears currently does not hold any shares in Nottingham but the board and various family trusts hold about 25 per cent of the equity. No other holdings total more than 10 per cent.

The bid is partly in equity and partly in cash and puts a value of 72p on each Nottingham share on the basis that Sears is offering two of its own shares—standing at 31p yesterday—and 10p in cash for each Nottingham share.

This compares with a price of 46p for Nottingham in the stock market last night, the bid having escaped the market rumours that have beset many recent takeover situations.

In addition, Sears is offering 65p in cash for each £1 nominal of the £2m convertible unsecured loan stock 1993/98 of Nottingham. The offer is conditional upon its not being referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and upon Sears shareholders approving the issue of new shares.

Industry calls for clear statement on export policy

Brown last night urged people abroad and in this country not to conclude that the government is at risk, he said.

Concrete evidence of failure to go through with contracts because of uncertainty was now reaching the CBI.

The official referred to an instance of a Chilean who had purchased an important industrial item in Britain several years ago and now wanted to replace it. The British supplier had declined to fulfil the order because of uncertainty about whether it would be cleared by the British Government. The order was not for arms.

There were also instances of foreign buyers asking companies whether there was any possibility the British Government would get companies to renege on contracts once they had been agreed.

Plessey workers stage 'sit-in'

More than 4,000 employees staged a "sit-in" yesterday at the Plessey telecommunications factory at Beeston, Nottinghamshire, in protest against being laid off indefinitely.

Later, they decided to stage a token occupation of the whole factory and the company's 3,000 other workers were unable to enter the building.

The company claim that the mass layoffs are unavoidable following a series of stoppages over a pay dispute.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 112.52 - 1.19
F.T. index: 284.7 - 3.9

Rises	Falls
Anglo Am Corp 9p to 38p	Imperial Group 1p to 65p
Asst Estates 15p to 15p	Lloyds Ex 8p to 21p
Baxters Bk 2p to 29p	Metals Ex 1p to 29p
Bowater Corp 3p to 15p	New World 2p to 55p
BICC 1p to 12p	Newsprint 2p to 32p
Copper Nell 4p to 10p	Peko Walsend 10p to 25p
First Nat Fin 2p to 23p	Reynolds 2p to 19p
	Triumph Inv 2p to 15p
	Ultramar 6p to 20p

£10m ferry sails

The £10m car ferry Norland, 12,500 tons, built for North Sea Ferries' Rotterdam service, left Hull on her maiden voyage yesterday. The second of these jumbo car ferries, the Norsar, will come into service in December.

Homes forecast down

Builders expect to start about 155,000 private houses and flats in Britain during 1974, according to research submitted in April to the Department of the Environment. The corresponding estimate for 1974 from an inquiry in November was 190,000 starts.

VANCE ELECTRONICS
The Chairman, Sir Edward Howard, reports record results for 1973.

Record profit of £709,793 before tax in 1973 was achieved against a background of high interest rates, energy deficiencies, shortage of skilled labour and a market which only revived towards the end of the year.

Success of Advance increasingly depends on the excellence of our products and the steady growth of our overseas business. This reached record levels in 1973 and is giving us an excellent start to our West German subsidiary in particular. Trans-a-lug into a profit and its turnover is now running annual rate of well over £1,000,000. The success of our German company has led us to begin a serious attack on the French market on similar but not identical terms. Overseas marketing generally proceeded very well and the company, in association with our agent, scored a particularly gratifying success in the sale of Advance-designed oscilloscopes for the United States.

Outlook for 1974 is promising and with full order book is a question of producing more than we have ever before. It is likely to be a year only minimally affected by the recent three-day week as we were able to work efficiently since most of our factories had clipped with generators.

Takeover fears worry marine plant exporters

The Government's nationalisation plans for the shipbuilding and marine engineering industries were criticised by Mr Donald Maxwell, director of the British Marine Equipment Council, yesterday. In a statement made after the organization's participation in last week's Posidonia international shipping exhibition in Athens, he said substantial orders were signed or brought to fruition.

"The Greek market is vital to British marine equipment manufacturers, who are currently exporting 50 per cent or more of their production. The Greeks have a high opinion of British products and a lot of invaluable goodwill has been built up over the years."

"It is vital to our industry and to the country that nothing is done to impair this," he said.

HINTONS

The Company operates 39 food stores and supermarkets, with associated warehousing, packaging and processing facilities, in the North East of England.

Financial Results: —

	52 Weeks to 2nd March, 1974	1973
Sales	23,654,527	19,376,875
Profit before Tax	786,058	628,411
Net earnings	307,547	421,353
Dividend per 10p share	2.92p*	2.78p*
Earnings per 10p share	7.0p	7.2p

* Gross Equivalent

Points from Chairman's Statement

- Sales increased by 22% and Profit before Tax by 25%.
- Sales and Profit both more than doubled in last five years.
- Increase in Tax rates leaves £100,000 less available for reinvestment, despite £160,000 improvement in Profit before Tax.
- Dividend for last two years restricted by Government Legislation.
- Range of products retailed being extended to include non-foods, liquor and home-freezer foods.
- Selling area now 178,000 sq. ft. and an increase of approximately 10% planned for current year.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts can be obtained from: —

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US expert calls for bigger food stockpiles

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

If Western Europe hoped for price stability, more stockpiling facilities were needed there, Dr R. J. Goodman, associate administrator of the foreign agriculture service in the United States Department of Agriculture, told the Farmers' Club in London yesterday.

In the United States the government was now out of the commodity business and planned to stay out. The responsibility for reserves had been shifted to the private sector.

He said American farmers were sticking to plans for a sharp increase in crop acreage this spring, except for a slight decrease in sorghams. The 55 million acres under this should provide a crop of about the same size as the 1973 record.

They were projecting a wheat harvest this year of about 2,200 million bushels, compared with last year's record crop of 1,700 million. Intended maize acreage should give a crop of about 6,700 million bushels—about 20 per cent up on the average production of the last three years, he said.

Crops of this magnitude should provide the opportunity for some stock rebuilding. They projected an increase in wheat stocks to about 80 million bushels at the beginning of July next year from an indicated 170 million this year.

The American administration had no desire to see the common agricultural policy of the EEC dismantled, as some had suggested, but it felt this system had unduly restricted trade

Britain seeks charter-type fares at talks to boost Atlantic traffic

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

The 35 airlines with an interest in transatlantic travel enter a round of discussions on fares today at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, aware that the future of some of them may depend on their reaching the right decisions.

Some of the biggest international carriers—among them Pan American and Trans World—are still reeling from the 200 per cent increase in fuel prices since the Arab-Israeli war in October.

There will be a general move at Fort Lauderdale to compensate for these cost rises but the airlines realize that if they put up the price of seats too much potential customers will stay at home.

The fares under discussion will apply in 1975, and there is the added difficulty for the airline industry of not knowing

what their costs levels will be next year.

Governments on either side of the Atlantic are carefully watching the talks, called by the International Air Transport Association (IATA). They have to agree any decisions the airlines reach, and none is likely to endorse a deal which could spell bankruptcy.

The United States Civil Aeronautics Board says it will accept no less than a comprehensive restructuring of north Atlantic fares because the future of scheduled services depended on "prompt and effective action".

Across-the-board percentage fare increases would not solve the fundamental problems. The current fare structure was un-economic for the airlines and unfair to the public because of its "bewildering complexity".

CAS also warned the IATA airlines to end their preoccupation with the threat of charter competition, saying they could no longer indulge in the "luxury" of attempting to maintain market shares by carrying large numbers of passengers at a loss.

Against this advice, the main proposal in the British Airways submission at Fort Lauderdale may well find widespread support. It is for a London-New York charter-type fare of between £86 and £122 to be booked individually 60 days before travel.

This is more expensive than the advance booking charter (ABC) fare.

Plans by British Airways, British Caledonian, Pan Am and TWA for talks to begin yesterday in London towards controlling the number of seats being offered across the north Atlantic have been put off following the breakdown of route-sharing talks in Washington between the two American carriers.

Aluminium projects for Guyana and Trinidad

The first steps towards the development of a Caribbean aluminium industry have been taken with the announcement of two projects in Guyana and Trinidad.

Two plants, jointly owned by the governments of Jamaica, Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago, are to be built. One in Guyana will extract alumina from raw bauxite and the other will be an aluminium smelter using alumina from Guyana and Jamaica and powered by natural gas from resources off the Trinidad coast.

A move in this direction had been expected by the world's aluminium companies. It follows action by the Caribbean bauxite producers, who provide the largest part of the world's exports, to increase production to 4,000,000 in an attempt to lessen what they view as exploitation by the aluminium giants. No indication is given of the scale of financial investment involved.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Euromarket developments

From Mr Walter Salomon

Sir, In today's issue of *The Times* you report on the meeting which took place amongst international bankers in Williamsburg, Virginia, on June 5.

The developments in the Euromarket could have been seen years ago, and one would have thought that many managers would have considered them the points now raised, not leaving it until now when matters are on the brink.

I made a speech on Tuesday, April 27, 1971, warning about the dangers inherent in the situation. The following is what I said at the time:

"The situation in the field of international credits, or for that matter even in credit given here at home by way of forming syndicates for short-or medium-term finance, is steadily deteriorating. Too often, syndicate leaders do not heed the old basic principles when providing these credits:—

1. whether the borrower is really worthy of credit facilities,
2. if this question is answered in the affirmative, whether it is really credit which is required and not capital,
3. if this is answered satisfactorily, whether the cash flow is sufficient to provide for the repayment on the due date, and
4. whether in the country where loans are being made in currencies other than its own, there is the likelihood that its foreign exchange position at the time of repayment will allow the foreign exchange to be provided."

These are all points which need to be dealt with by experienced bankers, in particular, a syndicate leader who will carefully watch and protect its members."

Yours sincerely,
WALTER H. SALOMON,
Rea Brothers Ltd,
36-37 King Street,
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June 6.

Education of technicians

From Mr C. L. Wade

Sir, Dr Ballard's letter on the recruitment of class leaves out some considerations about education.

Traditionally, it has been possible to reach full status by part-time study working as a technician. Formerly, for example, started out as an electrician. Entirely by study, he obtained a certificate, technical education rose to be principal of a college. More typical conditions is a young man was in my ONC course ago. A mad-about-sport way at school, he did a study seriously until he was engaged to the daughter of a friend. He is now chief of a local firm.

The DES, and the institutes between the bars this route. It is impossible to progress this way. Full time study is likely to be in mechanics of the transfer while retaining the next two years' full-time study. Obviously full-time study could be a very good idea, but a grant systemically related to the income and marital aspirations of the parents, a rigid interpretation of system based on the needs of school leavers, of a married man who is expected to support his wife because he was 11 months at the star course in September.

Add to this fact that the DES has failed to activate the section 1944 Act, which gave people the right to day up to 18, so that the tremendous variation in education of technicians firms and industries. After North Sea Gas conversion were many. The charge for adjusting correctly a half heater have been added to my gas account; evidently to get it done under the free-of-charge covering date I should have run it during the summer months!

The Conservatives in their last election manifesto suggested local ombudsmen to be set up. This idea is long overdue to a long suffering public.

Yours faithfully,
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43 Mandeville Road,
Heaton Mersey,
Stockport, Cheshire.

Africans seek control of oil fund from Arabs

Mogadishu, Somalia, June 10.

The Organization of African Unity has said it wants as a grant about a loan—the \$200m (about £83m) which Arab oil producers have promised it to offset the effects of increased oil prices.

Mr Peter Omu, of Nigeria, the OAU assistant secretary-general, said: "We are optimistic the Arab oil producers will accept. The money would be deposited in the African Development Bank in Abijan, Ivory Coast, for use as a revolving loan fund for needy OAU member states. Of the total, he said, £130m was immediately available.

UK interests win £11m North Sea drilling contract

Kingsnorth Marine Drilling, four-fifths owned by British interests, yesterday signed a contract in London with the American-owned Conoco North Sea Inc for operation of a semi-submersible rig in the North Sea.

The deal, worth some £15,000 per operating day, or £10,950m over the two-year contract period, involves the Norwegian designed Akter-3 rig, being built for the British company in Finland. The rig will be used in sections of the North Sea in which the Conoco-Gulf-National Coal Board consortium has leases.

Concern over protectionist trend in EEC

Increasing concern over the apparent retreat of members of the EEC into greater protectionism was expressed yesterday by the British Mechanical Engineering Confederation.

Mr Peter Parker, the Brimec president, said: "The proliferation of unilateral nation's actions such as we have seen from Italy and Denmark will have serious consequences on production, employment and the standard of living of all others."

Nearly one-third of United Kingdom mechanical engineering exports go to Community countries, he said.

No nationalization

Aims of industry, the free enterprise group, yesterday launched a massive campaign to alert British industry on the dangers of nationalization. The group's director, Mr Michael Ivens, said it would spend up to £400,000 on publicity and advertising.

Scrugg's £5m contract

A contract worth more than £5m to supply draw-texturing machinery to a polyester fibre producing complex in Poland has been won by Ernest Scrugg and Sons. It is the largest single order ever placed with the group.

More steel pay

The British Steel Corporation has withdrawn its threat to close steel mills at its plant at Lakenby, near Guisborough, Yorkshire, pending discussions with maintenance craftsmen on a new wages structure.

Leyland agreement

British Leyland has negotiated job mobility agreements with workers at its Longbridge factory which will enable them to step up production of the Allegro saloon.

£20m plant

The New Zealand Electricity Department has ordered four turbine generators, and associated plant worth more than £20m from C. A. Parsons (a member of the Reynolds Parsons group).

Hawker's ESRO share

Hawker Siddeley Dynamics has a £5m share in the £95m contract which the European Space Research Organization has placed with a nine-nation consortium, led by ERNO—of Germany, for the design and development of the Spacelab manned orbital laboratory.

Labour Party lack of knowledge

From Mr Edgar Palamountain

Sir, Mr Richard Hill's admirable letter (June 4) exposes very clearly the lack of knowledge and understanding displayed by the recent Labour Party Green Paper. I hope he is right in ascribing this to confusion. I suspect, however, that some of those responsible for these proposals know very well what they are about and most of the others do not want to know. The former group are pretty openly aiming at a syndicalist society, while the latter are conditioned to regard shareholders as alien elements whose interests do not merit serious consideration.

The Wider Share Ownership Council has always drawn at least some measure of support from all three political parties. The publication of the Green Paper calls for an assurance from responsible members of the Labour Party that they do not associate themselves with proposals which are calculated to restrict still further the necessary flow of savings into the nourishment of British industry and commerce.

Yours faithfully,
EDGAR PALAMOUNTAIN,
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Gas Board woes continued

From Miss M. A. Riley

Sir, Obviously one has to have the name of Mr Bernard Levip to obtain a reply from the Gas Board. Miss Diana Whitley Jones and countless others like myself wait unavailingly. My Cordon Bleu gas cooker runs out of guarantee on July 1, 1974. For three months of this period the large automatic oven was used. The local fitters did not even know how to remove the top (via two screws) to replace a faulty valve. When Cannon representatives called two months ago, they themselves did this in 18 minutes; they then left saying that they would return with local fitters to fit a tap correction unit to remedy a known Cordon Bleu fault—I am waiting still. The frustrations caused by the Gas Board in the past year are numerous; faults after North Sea Gas conversion were many. The charge for adjusting correctly a half heater have been added to my gas account; evidently to get it done under the free-of-charge covering date I should have run it during the summer months!

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Self-regulation: off-beam comment

From Mr Peter Varneck

Sir, Your Financial Editor's deduction in today's Business News (June 4) that the "increasing complexity and volatility of London's financial markets" calls for an end to self-regulation is surely off-beam. The international success story of the City depends on its flexibility and innovation and this is far better controlled and policed by those who understand it by active by taking part. Detailed government control over-ensues—as with the SEC—still does not stop scandals and failures. It will be a sad day for all except the lawyers if we import it here and strangle commerce with red tape.

Yours truly,
PETER VARNECK,
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London, SW7.

Computer news

PO survey analyses teleprocessing trends

A growing trend towards the use of small computers at the expense of medium-sized systems is indicated in a survey by the Post Office. Between 1966 and 1980 the survey suggests, medium systems will decrease from 70 per cent to 27 per cent of the United Kingdom market, while small computers will rise from 12 per cent to 50 per cent.

Preliminary results from the survey were disclosed at the Communications 74 conference at Brighton last week by Mr Roy Bright of the Post Office's data communications marketing division. "Small" machines are those valued at £50,000 or less; "medium" systems are

those costing £50,000 to £200,000.

The Post Office's forecast for 1980 was based on an extension of the trend between 1966 and 1973. Over this period small machines grew from 12 to 33 per cent of the market; while medium systems shrank from 70 to 40 per cent.

About 850 of Britain's 6,000 computers (excluding visible record computers) use teleprocessing systems, and their users provided information for the Post Office's 1973 teleprocessing survey.

This showed, as expected, that the banks use more remote terminals than any other sector. The banking total is about 12,000 or nearly 50 per cent of the total.

Computer bureau services have 16 per cent of the number of terminals, education 8 per cent, engineering and manufacturing 7 per cent and central Government 7 per cent.

In terms of the distribution of teleprocessing systems (as distinct from numbers of terminals), manufacturing and

engineering companies represent the largest single share—35 per cent. They are followed by computer services (14 per cent) and education (10 per cent). Banking, central Government, the distribution and catering trades and local government each have approximately 7 per cent.

The average number of remote data terminals in a teleprocessing system is 44, but there is a wide variation between industry sectors. For the banks, the average is 439, followed by the service and leisure industries (125 terminals per system), computer services (64), central Government (51), education (34), finance (37) and insurance (27).

Unilever expansion

Unilever Computer Services is to install a second IBM 360 Model 65 at its Watford computer centre as part of an expansion programme, which will result in a computer complex with a capital value of about £3.2m.

Dataskil in New York

The New York office of Dataskil, the ICL software and services subsidiary, has been formally opened by Mr Alan Russell, managing director.

Among major Dataskil projects in the United States is an international foreign exchange and money management system linking the Marine Midland Bank of New York with their European operations.

Others include a wholesale and retail accounting system for William Grant, whisky distillers, and a number of systems and programming projects for ICL users in the New York area.

Kenneth Owen

Provincial Insurance Company Limited

1973 RESULTS

POINTS FROM THE STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN, Mr. P F SCOTT.

- 1 General premium income increased by 14.6% including home 11.1% and overseas 26.3%.
- 2 Life business—increases of 28% in gross sums assured and 10% in numbers of new policies.
- 3 General business (excluding marine and aviation) earned an underwriting profit of £1,803,000 (1972: £777,000).
- 4 Marine and aviation: 1971 underwriting year closed with a profit and £130,000 has been transferred to profit and loss account.
- 5 Share capital and published reserves of £10,935,000 compare with statutory requirements of £3,589,000.
- 6 Market value of non-life quoted investments exceeded balance sheet value by over £11.5M (1972: £23.4M). Market value of properties and unquoted investments estimated to exceed book value by approximately £7M.
- 7 Equivalent gross ordinary dividend per share 13.191p (1972: 12.25p).

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS		1973	1972
		£'000	£'000
Premiums	General	33,393	29,138
	Life	5,190	6,456
Profit	Before tax	3,725	2,295
	After tax and minorities	2,190	1,646
Contribution to staff pension scheme		250	—
Dividends		772	871
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET		31.12.73	31.12.72
		£'000	£'000
Total assets		69,916	59,736
Insurance funds	General	16,257	14,100
	Life	10,348	7,760
Share capital and published reserves		10,935	9,822

Provincial Insurance Company Limited

The Annual General Meeting will be held at The Connaught Rooms, Gt. Queen Street, London WC2 at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 25 June 1974

Mowlem reports

- Record trading profits—36% up on last year. Turnover by more than 25%.
- Maximum permitted dividend recommended.
- Satisfactory building order book that provides for growth, whilst good progress has been maintained on a number of large contracts.
- Improved volume of work and profitability in civil engineering. A number of major works in the field of tunnelling, roads and docks are in hand.
- Increased turnover and profits from all Regional and other Subsidiaries.
- Growing activity in many overseas countries including Kenya, Tanzania, Australia, Thailand, Algeria, Saudi Arabia and Iran.
- The forward order situation for the Group remains good and larger than before.

Summary of Results	1973	1972
	£'000	£'000
Turnover	58,708	47,487
Profit before tax	2,080	1,611
Tax	348	488
Extraordinary Items	40	855
Earnings per share	16.4p	14.0p
Dividend	5.5125p	5.25p

Mowlem International Construction Group

Copies of the Annual Report, containing in full the statements by the Chairman, Mr. H. G. Beech, CBE, obtainable from the Secretary, John Mowlem and Company Limited, Watlington House, Watlington Road, Banbury, Middlesex.

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LONDON FLATS

SW.16—Over ground floor flat in new building...

PROPERTY ABROAD

ITALIAN RIVIERA—Delightful renovated stone house...

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PORCHESTER PLACE, W.2 10th floor flat in new building...

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PROPERTY WANTED

CONSIDERABLE amount of professional services available...

MAWDES & Co. have available several flats in London...

SURREY—50 Acres woodland for sale. Price £35,000...

EARLY START—2 acres of woodland. 3000 sq ft. 1200 sq ft...

FREE HOUSE—close to South Coast. Excellent investment...

FOR SALE—Overseas property, small house in prime position...

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMPANIES ACT 1948 SUPER-DISCOUNT PUBLICATIONS LIMITED

THE COMPANIES ACT 1948 FENCHEN HOLDINGS LIMITED

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BUSINESS NOTICES

READERS are recommended to take appropriate professional advice before entering obligations.

EX M.P. Stone Metal Fabrication Co. Ltd. in a similar Co. to serve capacity...

WELL-ESTABLISHED Vauxhall Company operating internationally...

PRELIMINARY AGENT/Secretary of highest integrity, public spirited...

SALES NEED BOOSTING—5 Star Business Services column.

BUSINESSES FOR SALE

INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN COMPANY wishes to dispose of self-contained established production line in stainless steel tableware...

In the first instance all enquiries to STOWE & BOWDEN LTD., St. Andrew's House, Portland Street, Manchester M60 7BT...

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Vickers da Costa and Capel-Cure call off talks on merger

By our Financial Staff The merger negotiations between Vickers da Costa and Capel-Cure...

Midland-Yorkshire buys more of Chemical Secs

A year ago the board of Midland-Yorkshire Holdings (formerly Midland-Yorkshire) said that it had a very healthy cash position...

Moorgate cliff-hanger

Sixty-nine of the 71 creditors who agreed to the Moorgate Cliff-hanger...

S & P closes its Trident Fund

Save and Prosper closed its Trident unit trust when its trust deed expired at the end of May...

Rowlinson shortfall

In the interim report of Rowlinson Construction Group, the chairman says that profits for the full year to March 31...

Briefly

ME ELECTRIC HOLDINGS Final dividend and profits for 1973-74 will be announced next Tuesday...

Full order book ke Mowlen optimistic

Having enjoyed a last term, with the 36 per cent up at John Mowlen Mid construction group...

MEPC puts brake on some UK projects

MEPC, the former Metropolitan Estate and Property Corporation, is responding to the challenge of the difficult economic situation...

Turnbull Scott

After charging £385,000 against £3 million Scott Shipyard a loss of £17,000 in dated profit of £46 arrived at before £1.7m surplus on schemes will be revived.

RAND MINES LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DIVIDENDS have been payable to shareholders registered in the books of the company...

R. Paterson dips 17 pc

After the slip in halfpenny price from £11,000 to £10,000, R. Paterson & Sons coffee and chicory essence group gave a warning that because of supply problems...

Brixton Estate fully let

In his annual statement covering 1973-74, Mr. J. Verrey, chairman of Brixton Estate, says the group has virtually no completed accommodation to let and that it will be four or five months before further property is ready to be put on the market...

Amos Himton

Turnover at the Amos Himton & Sons group of grocery and provision merchants, bakers and butchers, has risen from £19.3m to £23.6m, and taxable profits are a record for the fifth year running...

Pullman ends lower but raises payment

On turnover up from £6.99m to £7.72m, pre-tax profits of the R. & J. Pullman garments and textiles group, have slipped from £241,000 to £267,000. The board points out, however, that the two years are not strictly comparable as 1973 included 15 months of Michael de Leon and Daydream Dresses...



BEARER DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS

Following the DIVIDEND DECLARATION by the Company on 27th June 1974, NOTICE is now given that the Dividend is payable to Authorised Depositories on or after 11th July 1974...

FINANCIAL NEWS

Markets

Shares fall away in thin trading

Heavy industrials saw little turnover... Shares fell away in thin trading... The market was characterized by a lack of interest in most sectors...

KHD suffer further blow to profits

Herr Karl-Heinz Sonne, executive chairman of Kloeckner-Humboldt AG... The company has been beset by troubles in recent years...

Mining

E Rand dividend caution

Mr N. H. Marshall, the chairman of East Rand Consolidated... The company has been able to maintain the same rate of dividend...

Colombian Mining buys U S group

Mineros Colombianos SA, a new Colombian mining company... has bought the Choco Pacifico Mining Company owned by a United States-Canadian consortium.

Latest dividends

Table with columns: Company, Dividend, Yield, etc. Lists dividends for various companies like Arbutnot Latham, Associated British Foods, etc.

fc CONSTRUCTION (Holdings) LTD.

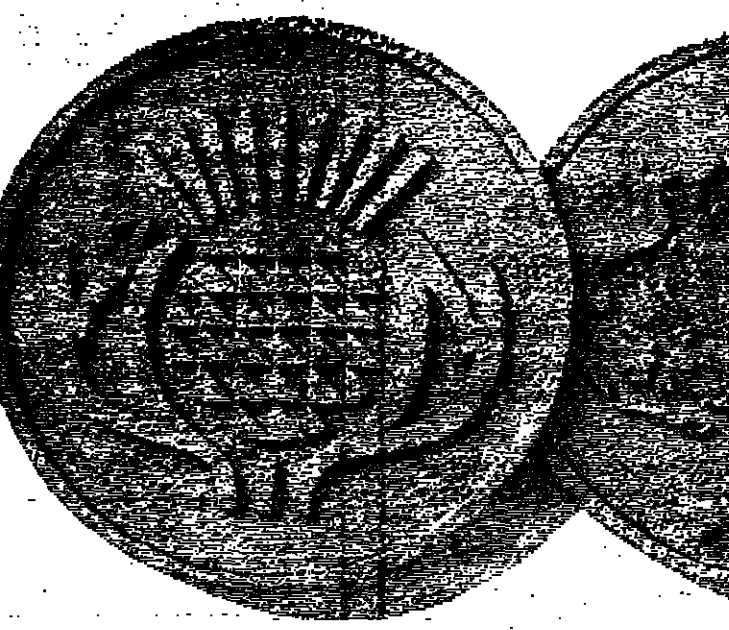
Table showing financial data for fc CONSTRUCTION (Holdings) LTD. for 1973 and 1972, including Turnover, Profit before Tax, etc.

The final Dividend of 1.6p lifts the total from 2.3875p to 2.425p per share. The profits before Tax are the highest achieved in the Company's history.

Large table of stock market data including share prices, dividends, and company names. Columns include company names and their respective market values.

Hickson & Welch

The pretax profits, which were made known last week, expanded by 11.6 per cent to a record £17.5m at the half-year stage...



1973: GROWTH IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Extracts from the Statement to Stockholders by Mr Henry Keswick, Chairman, Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. Dividends and earnings per stock unit up 40%...

Our traditional businesses have done well. Imports of leading internationally known consumer goods and raw materials continue to maintain a healthy share of the Hong Kong market...

We are continuing to expand our interests in the South Pacific, centred on Fiji. U.S.A. and the Philippines. In the last quarter of 1973 we acquired the Hawaiian-based Theo. H. Davies & Co. Ltd...

Table comparing 1973 and 1972 financial metrics: Earnings after tax, Earnings per stock unit, Dividends per stock unit, Stockholders' funds.

Notes: Companies listed in italics were not included in the 1973 figures. The 1972 figures are based on the 1972 adjusted figures of HK\$0.81, a rise of 40%...

Japan. Our Japanese subsidiary, Jardine, Matheson & Co. (Japan) Ltd, had a record year. Our joint venture company, Macmillan Jardine (Japan) Ltd, had a successful year with improved demand for wood products...

Future Prospects. Despite the unsettled worldwide situation, Jardines are in a healthy position to trade profitably, and we are now well involved in natural resources - particularly in the production of wood products, rubber, palm oil and sugar...

INTERIM STATEMENT (ST SCRAGG & SONS HOLDINGS) LIMITED

Table showing interim financial results for ST SCRAGG & SONS HOLDINGS LIMITED for 28 weeks to 14th April 1974.

Mr. E. P. R. Scragg, states: has been one of intense activity illustrated by the fact that the 28 weeks which, despite 3 months of a dry season, has achieved in the whole of the year is higher than that achieved in the whole of the year in the period of the 3 day week was high. Moreover, the cost of maintaining output in excess of 80% is anticipated that the company might not be able to meet the rate of cost inflation which has been historically high profitability ratio in times of high inflation. For example, in the 4 months since my last report this has been unexpectedly and indeed quite high. For example, in the 4 months since my last report this has been unexpectedly and indeed quite high.

Business appointments New president for Institute of Actuaries

Mr G. V. Bayley, a director, general manager and actuary of the National Provident Institution, has been elected president of the Institute of Actuaries in succession to Mr Geoffrey Heywood. Mr Heywood, who is senior partner of Duncan Fraser & Co is joining the board of Barclays Life Assurance Co.

Mr Donald Hanson is to become a deputy chairman of Hithwa, Harris & Co

Mr E. J. Knightley has joined the board of Babcock & Wilcox Management as deputy finance director.

Mr Ronald Crankshaw has been elected a member of the London committee of Barclays Bank International from July 1974

Colonel E. Faris has been made vice-president, coal, for The Amalgamated Coalfield Group.

Mr D. J. S. Aston has been named managing director of T. G. (Experts) in succession to Mr R. A. Chassand, who gave up the post for health reasons and becomes director of Middle East, based in Cyprus. Mr D. E. Kirk, company secretary, joins the board.

Mr J. D. Taylor, underwriter and manager of The London Assurance marine department, and assistant group marine manager, Sun Alliance & London, has been elected chairman of The Salvage Association. Mr J. R. E. Bennett, Lloyd's underwriter, has become deputy chairman.

Mr J. C. W. Daniels and Mr N. W. A. Frost have been made directors of Daventry Brewery (Holdings).

Mr L. V. D. Tindale has re-joined the board of Edura (Holdings). Mr Tindale became chairman of the company in 1971 but resigned in 1972 when he was invited to serve as director of industrial development in the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr D. J. Stewart, Mr P. N. Legge and Mr T. Goodfellow have become directors of Towry Law and Co. Mr Goodfellow also becomes a director of Towry Law Insurance, Towry Law and Co (Midlands), Towry Law and Co (Northern), Towry Law and Co (Yorkshire), and Towry Law Trustees and Advisory Services. Mr N. A. McMahon Turner is to be managing director of Towry Law and Co (Yorkshire).

Mr L. Brook has retired from the board of Rusty Forge, a chairman of Baker Perkins Developments. He had been with Rusty Forge since 1950.

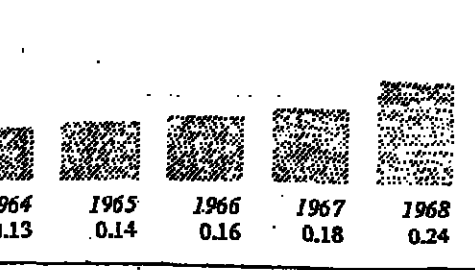
Indonesia. Our representative office in Jakarta has helped to find investments in Indonesia, and with associates we have commitments in two projects - a first-class hotel and a 20-storey office development.

Australia and the South Pacific. Jardine Matheson & Co. (Australia) Pty Ltd were affected by the weakness in the property market, but our property assets are well situated to benefit from future improvements in the real estate market. Our associated company Flatways (Holdings) Ltd showed improved earnings in the second half of 1973. Flatways Shipping Co. Ltd had a satisfactory year and a second container vessel has been ordered.

Hong Kong. Jardines interests in Hong Kong continued to grow and show profit improvement during 1973. We have reorganised and re-grouped various activities and several changes in names of subsidiary and associated companies occurred during the year, to reflect our interests more accurately.

In April 1973 we injected HK\$95 million of our assets in certain smaller trading, industrial and real estate companies into Jardine Industries Ltd, now a listed subsidiary. In October Jardines principal ship-owning subsidiary, The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd was reorganised as a Hong Kong company (having been registered in the United Kingdom since 1881).

Jardine Fleming & Co. Ltd, our merchant banking joint venture, have played a leading part in the local and regional financial scenes. Other financial services offered through associates include hire purchase finance and consumer credit, share registration, money broking, computer bureau services, factoring and stockbroking. Jardine Securities Ltd, the investment holding company in which our interest is over 40%, increased their dividend distribution in 1973 by 18%.



JARDINES

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Foreign Exchange

The dollar closed stronger against most European currencies yesterday, but foreign exchange trading remained subdued.

Bank Base Rates

Table listing bank base rates for Barclays Bank, FNFC, Hill Samuel, etc.

Commodities

Nearby cocoa up another £44.50

Another sharp rise was recorded in London COCOA futures yesterday, particularly the near positions.

Discount houses have comfortable day

Discount houses had a fairly comfortable start to the week, overcoming an expected shortage with only a moderate amount of help from the Bank of England.

Recent issues

Table listing recent issues with columns for Issue, Price, and Yield.

The Times Share Indices

Table showing share indices for various sectors like All-Share, Industrial, and Public Utilities.

Spot Position of Sterling

Table showing spot position of sterling with columns for Market, Bid, and Offer.

Money Market Rates

Table showing money market rates for various instruments like Treasury Bills and Bankers' Acceptances.

Issues & Loans

\$70m funding for Bowater

Bowater has arranged a \$70m loan through a syndicate of 10 international banks led by N. M. Rothschild.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table showing Eurobond prices for various maturities and currencies.

Argentina ships k

A group of 41 inter-bank led by Citicor national, Compagnie Fl de Deutscherbank, Ltd and Merrill Lynch-Pierce, Fenner & Smith have signed a loan to lend Elmas Lines Maritima of \$152.5m to be repaid eight-year period.

The VICTORY Insurance Company Limited MR. C. J. BAKER'S STATEMENT. The Fifty-fourth Annual General Meeting of The Victory Insurance Company Limited will be held on 25th June, 1974 at the Head Office of the Company, Victory House, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, at 12 noon.

Table showing forward levels for various currencies and commodities.

Table showing authorized units for various insurance companies.

Table showing insurance and offshore funds.

Table showing authorized units, insurance, and offshore funds.

Future Expansion In my Statement last year I outlined the Company's fundamental aim to develop and expand our reinsurance services on a profitable basis. Expansion of our business pre-supposes a matching financial structure to provide the necessary margin of solvency.

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JEFFERSON SMURFIT GROUP LIMITED "Ten years of uninterrupted growth." The current year has begun very well, with most companies recording measurably better results than in the corresponding first quarter of last year.

Large table showing authorized units, insurance, and offshore funds.

SALE ROOMS

This week at Sotheby's

Tuesday, 11th June, at 11 a.m. The Celebrated Library of Harrison D. Hortle, Esq., Part I Early Science, Navigation, Travel, A.C. Cat. 108 illustrations. 2 in colour £25

Christies

Chelsea melon-tan cover with cabage-leaf stand. Tuesday, 11th June, at 2.30 p.m. Fine Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art. Catalogue (63 plates), including 3 in colour. £170 post paid.

Sotheby's

BONHAM'S At the Montpellier Galleries WEDNESDAY, 12th JUNE Selected Watercolours, Drawings and Prints.

PHILLIPS Today, Tue., June 11, 11 a.m. Good English, Continental Furniture, Works of Art, Carpets.

BERNARD THORPE & PARTNERS SHIRRENDALE, HORSMONDEN, KENT VALUABLE ANTIQUE AND MODERN FURNITURE.

DEBENHAM COE Fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers, Established 1813. ANTIQUE AND MODERN JEWELLERY

PHILLIPS IN KNOWLE; June 19, 11 a.m. Clocks, Musical Boxes, Watches and Furniture: The Old House, Knowle, Warwickshire. Tel. 054-45 5151

HENRY DUKE & SON Dorchester Salerooms FINE ENGLISH FURNITURE

AUCTION IN PARIS HOTEL DROUOT - Room No 9 Monday 17th June Oriental Art

COUNTRY PROPERTIES ISLE OF SKYE

LONDON AND SUBURBAN 33 ARGYLL ROAD, KENSINGTON

COUNTRY PROPERTIES WICKTOWNSHIRE

LONDON AND SUBURBAN Sturt & Tyndale

LONDON FLATS LONDON FLATS

LONDON AND SUBURBAN CHELSEA, S.W.3

LONDON FLATS KENSINGTON S.W.5

HEREFORD

SOUTHWO

LONDON AND SUBURBAN AWARD WINNING RICHMOND GRI

Women's Appointments also on page 25

GENERAL

A major division of an international group of companies based in the North West, in the total furnishing business wish to make two new appointments to its management team.

The appointments would suit young female executives of graduate calibre, with at least two years' business experience.

CORPORATE/BUSINESS PLANNING

Reporting to the Managing Director, M.B.A.'s, Economists, Marketing/Research Graduates or similar, with initiative and interest to assist in the background research and preparation of Corporate & Business Plans.

MERCHANDISING CONTROLLER

Reporting to the Marketing Manager and controlling a team of merchandisers, this position calls for skill in handling people and the intellectual ability to make a major contribution to the company's marketing plans and operation.

An above-average salary and excellent prospects for career development are offered. Location N.W. England.

Replies will be forwarded direct, unopened and in confidence to our client unless addressed to our Security Manager listing companies to which they may not be sent. They should include a comprehensive curriculum vitae, not refer to previous correspondence with PA and quote the reference on the envelope.

PA ADVERTISING LIMITED (Ref M9744/IT), St. James's House, Charlotte Street, Manchester M1 4DZ. Tel: 061-237 4531.

Do you speak German?

Young lady required to assist contracts manager in Germany. Knowledge of German and ability to drive essential. Accommodation found. Interesting position. Salary negotiable.

Telephone: 01-573 6543 for an appointment

FEMALE EXECUTIVE (30+)

A LARGE INDUSTRIAL GROUP wishes to appoint a female executive (30 plus) to compile and maintain a compendium and index of information relating to the structure and activities of its companies. She will need to be able to obtain the cooperation of the company secretaries and management of all the companies in the group, both in this country and overseas.

"TWO OF A KIND" RECEPTIONISTS

Famous cosmetic house in Mayfair, London, needs two receptionists. One to deal with clients at reception. Salary £1,600 negotiable plus super perks.

Phone Christine Watson M&J PERSONNEL 486 1751

MEET THE NORTH SEA PEOPLE

RECEPTIONIST required for brand new E.C.2 office of small, family firm, offering multi-national Company with many North Sea interests.

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT WANTED

For a young, energetic, professional London, W.I. Publisher, the editor's office seeks a well-qualified, energetic and able to express herself clearly in writing and on the telephone.

Earn Between £50 and £80 P.W.

Our sales ladies earn on average between £50 and £80 per week on commission. No door-to-door. No expensive car. Full training given.

CONFIDENT CASHIER £2,000 PLUS

For a responsible role requiring good all round experience, we are seeking a confident, energetic and reliable person to join our team.

AD AGENCY CLERK £2,000

Excellent opportunity for a young experienced person to join our team in a senior position which includes supervising other staff.

TIME OFF clerks enthusiastic

For reservations work in an international hotel, we are looking for a French and English speaking, energetic and reliable person to join our team.

FEMALE BOOKKEEPER

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female bookkeeper with good experience in all aspects of the job.

OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FRENCH IN PARIS

Working part-time (4 1/2 hours) in an English firm in Paris, we are looking for a young lady to join our team.

WOMEN'S APPOINTMENTS GENERAL

P.A./PUBLISHING ASSISTANT to Managing Director

Two assistants with enthusiasm, adaptability and above all a liking for job involvement are urgently required by a map publishing house to handle the increasing amount of UK and foreign business.

Good typing, shorthand and an aptitude for figures are desirable.

Travel at home and abroad is part of the job, so a current driving licence, few ties and a working knowledge of any European language, except French, are a distinct advantage.

Telephone 01-836 7869.

MARKET RESEARCH

The Assistant Market Intelligence Officer will be involved in a number of projects including research on commodity products and competitive packaging. Also preparation and dissemination of information and sales statistics.

THE ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION SCHOOL

would like applications from intelligent, independent minded, enthusiastic Secretaries with administrative or relevant experience. Challenging opportunities in various parts of school.

PROGRAMME CONTROLLER FOR A LEADING INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING COMPANY

Due to a recent promotion a vacancy now exists for the post of Programme Controller. The person appointed will have total responsibility for preparing the company's publishing programme and will report directly to the directors of the company.

FUND RAISING ORGANISER

For North Hill Housing Trust, Part-time position involving contact with committees and volunteer teams who run fund raising events to help us in our work of housing families and old people in central London areas.

ST. JAMES'S

Small, friendly office needs someone able to answer telephone, manage incoming and outgoing mail, and to keep simple records.

IN AT THE TOP TO £2,000

Super, newly created post for a young Secretary with the ability to handle a large volume of work.

CORDON BLEU

COOKERY SCHOOL need a secretary. Cookery training a help but not essential. Linda shorthand, Lunch provided.

TOP SECRETARY TO EARN £2,500

Super opportunity for a competent short-handler to join our team in a senior position.

RECEPTIONIST

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female receptionist with good experience.

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WOMEN'S APPOINTMENTS GENERAL

Are you looking for a worthwhile career in accounts?

If so, we are willing to train two bright girls with some typing ability for these vacancies.

ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT

To help in our Rent accounting section. With lots of telephone work and client liaison also deals with tenants queries, entering leases on books.

WAGES ASSISTANT

To be trained in our wages section on Kalamazoo system to help with filing and typing duties.

TRAINEE COMPANY SECRETARY'S OFFICE

SPILLERS LIMITED ECA This position will provide an opportunity to learn a variety of work in a busy department dealing with legal and general administrative matters.

RECEPTIONIST with typing

for a small business in the City. Good salary and benefits. Please telephone 01-462 5700.

SECRETARIAL

AUDIO SECRETARY required by a leading international publishing company.

LEGAL SECRETARIES

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female legal secretary with good experience.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female managing director with good experience.

SECRETARIN

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female secretarin with good experience.

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WOMEN'S APPOINTMENTS SECRETARIAL

SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT for the MANAGING DIRECTOR

Mullard Ltd, manufacturers of electronic components have a vacancy in their Head Office for a Secretarial Assistant in the Managing Director's Office.

The duties will include all administrative tasks for the Managing Director and his Personal Assistant; this is mostly routine, involving minutes of meetings and some reports.

SECRETARY TO REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Secretary (one appointed) post at the Regional Office. The duties will include all administrative tasks for the Regional Director and his Personal Assistant.

YOUNG BRILLIANT

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a young brilliant female secretary with good experience.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT/SECRETARY

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female personal assistant/secretary with good experience.

EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female education administration assistant with good experience.

£2,250 PLUS CONSULTANTS IN BELGIUM

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female consultant with good experience.

COLLEGE LEAVERS - GO TO THE TOP

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female college leaver with good experience.

P.A. SECRETARY

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female P.A. secretary with good experience.

SECRETARIN

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female secretarin with good experience.

ON THE BALL SECRETARY TO £2,000

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female secretary with good experience.

SECRETARY (AUDIO) FOR SMALL W/ OFFICE

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female secretary with good experience.

SECRETARY (AUDIO)

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female secretary with good experience.

COLLEGE LEAVERS SUITABLE

For a responsible role in a small business, we are looking for a female college leaver with good experience.

SECRETARY (AUDIO)

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WOMEN'S APPOINTMENTS SECRETARIAL

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

We are the second largest producer of Titanium Dioxide pigments, with manufacturing operations in four continents.

Salary will be a living wage and will reflect the level of the job. Holders are four weeks per annum and evening holiday means will be honoured.

SENIOR SECRETARY

to director of creative London advertising agency be of good education and highly experienced.

SECRETARY/FRIDAY

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